

Scrapbook

Steeplejacks race time on Lee job

By John S. Egan

LEE — Pedestrians crane their necks at a tiny figure slowly ascending a rope toward the top of the First Congregational Church's 198-foot steeple. Other figures move about on scaffolding. The weather is cold and damp, and a couple of the pedestrians tighten their coats against the wind.

On the steeple, the air feels even colder and the wind more blustery. But one figure on the scaffolding dismisses the cold with a toughness characteristic of the workers who spend most of their work days dangling from ropes far above the ground.

"It may be windier, but it's drier up here than on the ground," says Francis Allard of Wales. "That helps dry the paint faster."

Allard, a professional steeplejack, for the past two months has been overseeing the massive rehabilitation of the church's deteriorating steeple. The \$54,000 job was begun in late summer. Allard and his crew have stripped away layers of rock-hard paint from the steeple, torn out rotted pieces of planking and molding, and fastened down stainless-steel flashing on the structure's horizontal surfaces.

Now, with November already here, Allard's crew is racing winter.

With luck, the contractor will finish the job next week, he said.

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For Allard, and others like him, steeplejacking offers a lucrative and challenging way of making a living. Clearly, the profession isn't for most people. Anyone with a fear of heights wouldn't bother applying. Neither would anyone who suffers from heart problems or who gets bored sitting in one position for hours at a time.

"There's not a lot of people who want to do this work," he says. "A fellow won't usually approach me about work unless he's sure he can do it."

The members of Allard's crew take a break from the chilling wind and eat lunch inside a blue van parked in front of the church.

Dressed against the cold and dripping paint, the men look like gypsies. Clair E. "Butch" Church Jr., in paint-spattered blue jeans, sweat shirt and beat up sneakers, pulls a sandwich out of a sack. He's wearing a winter cap, with the flaps down over the ears.

A fellow steeplejack, Roger Jolin, is dressed in much the same way but is wearing leather boots and no cap. Jolin tells a visitor that sneakers are superior to boots when it comes to clambering around the top of a spire.

Whatever the choice of footgear, the steeplejack takes each step on the steeple with great care.

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All work on the first 150 feet of the steeple is done from scaffolding set up around the structure. The sections of scaffolding took two weeks to snap into place.

The work on the section of spire beyond the scaffolding is done from a boatswain's chair, which is a board attached



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HIGH-RISE worker Greg Greika, steeplejack working on First Congregational Church steeple restoration, prepares to install new piece of stainless steel flashing. Greika is standing on horizontal shelf just below the steeple belfry. It was an Indian summer day when this photo was taken.

to a rope. The rope is threaded through a pulley at the top of the spire.

Last week, Jolin and some of the other steeplejacks were "burning off" paint from the top of the spire. Actually, there is no open flame involved, Allard quickly points out, because of the danger an open flame poses to a wooden structure. The steeplejacks instead use "Cal-rod" heaters to remove the hardened enamel. The work goes slowly because there are so many layers of paint and because cold weather diminishes the effectiveness of the heaters.

After the spire has been stripped down to the old base coat, a new base coat is applied. Caulking and two finish coats follow.

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Because they work at such heights, the men exercise an almost ritualistic care. One steeplejack says he won't use a rope and pulley that he hasn't put up himself. Allard purchased new ropes for the First Congregational Church job. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspected all scaffolding before work could begin.

Despite such thoroughness, incidents sometimes occur.

During a discussion of the nature of steeplejacking, Jolin has been sitting quietly in one corner of the van. Earlier in the morning, the steeplejack was at work

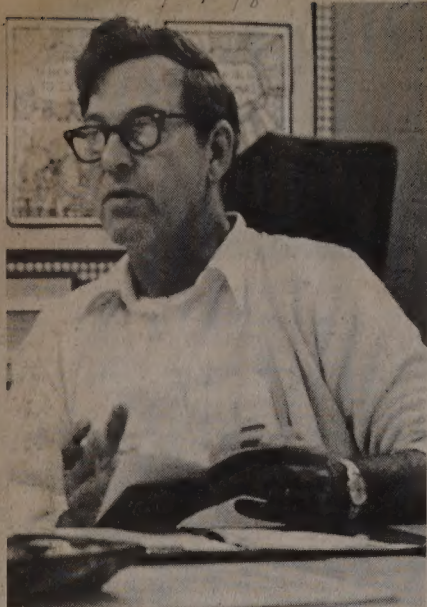
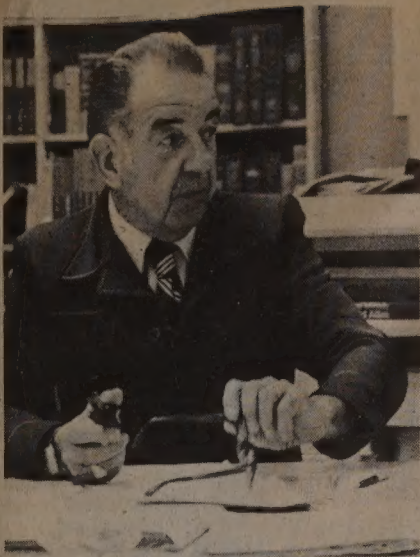
in a boatswain's chair high up on the spire when a kink worked its way out of the rope. Jolin suddenly dropped about 6 inches. He points out that a 6-inch drop may not sound like much but "it feels a lot longer" when you're suspended 180 feet above the ground. Until the rope catches, he says, you don't know how long the drop will be.

The steeplejack admits that he was "still cooling out" at lunchtime. One of his co-workers brings the conversation to an abrupt end with a cliché.

"It ain't the fall that hurts you, it's the sudden stop," he laughs.

According to the steeplejacks, the work is generally much like any kind of painting and carpentry work, except that it takes place at height. The pay-scale is correspondingly higher, with rates ranging from about \$7 or \$8 an hour to as much as \$45 an hour on union jobs in large cities. Otherwise, the men are just as dirty and paint-spattered as other commercial painters by the end of the day.

After lunch, the steeplejacks re-mount the steeple and take position in their chairs and hoist themselves. The k of the ropes going through the pulleys sounds like the cries of shorebirds. Then it stops and the workers fasten themselves in position and start another afternoon of paint removal and priming.



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COMPETENCY-TESTING policy is called for by Lee School Committee member John Dolan, at right. Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger, at left, responded that administrative planning was already under way. School Committee meeting was last night.

Lee school board moves to adopt testing policy

By John S. Egan

LEE — Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger and the Lee School Committee took a first step toward formulation of a minimum-competency testing policy by scheduling a special meeting on Oct. 10 for discussion of the proposal.

While Boulanger and school administrators have been working on the creation of a testing policy in the basic skills of reading, writing and mathematics, the Oct. 10 meeting marks the first formal involvement of the School Committee in the policy formulation.

The state Board of Education Tuesday adopted a statewide minimum-competency testing policy that will require testing in basic skills by 9th grade in all Massachusetts school systems. The policy leaves timing and formulation of the tests up to local school committees. The program is expected to be implemented in the 1980-1981 school year.

Referring to the recent state Board of Education announcement, School Committee Member John Dolan asked Boulanger what action local administrators were taking to create the testing policy.

"From all the publicity going on, it looks like it's going to come in a couple of years," said Dolan. "I'd like to see some kind of outline for the future. I don't know how long something like this would take to implement, but I'd like to see a plan."

"We're not going to wait," said Boulanger. "I've been talking with Robert Lucy and Henry Zukowski (principal and vice principal of Lee High School) for some time. We've gone deeply into it, but I hadn't felt we were ready to come before the School Committee yet. But the School Committee will be very involved in this whole thing."

Besides School Committee involvement in minimum-competency testing policy formulation, a parent-advisory group will be created to provide input into the

development of the policy, Boulanger said.

"We're going to have to decide what children should know by the time they get to a certain grade," Boulanger said. "And more important, we're going to insist that children reach that level."

The superintendent said that while state Secretary of Educational Affairs Paul Parks had recommended one testing in the lower grades and another testing by 9th grade, he would "like to see more frequent tests than that."

While the Lee schools now give students standardized tests each year, administrators will have to evaluate new tests and probably choose one that can be used in the competency testing.

Dolan suggested that the School Committee also "should take a look at the grading system."

Boulanger and the School Committee tentatively decided to set aside another meeting date, possibly the second Tuesday in November, for the discussion of grading and other matters relating to competency testing.

Lee Library sets last film program

LEE — The Lee Library's film program next Tuesday at 10 a.m. will be the last of the summer, Librarian Betty L. Dennis announced.

After the movies there will be an awards ceremony for all readers who completed the requirements of the "Mark Twain Reading Club - Travel the Mississippi." The annual punch and cookie party will follow.

Lee book on sale tomorrow

LEE — The town's bicentennial history, "See All the People," goes on sale to the public at 9 a.m. tomorrow at McClelland Drug Store on Main Street, author Florence S. Consolati announced.

Paul Peiffer and Francis G. Fanning, Lee History Committee members, will handle the sales.

Three thousand copies of the bicentennial book, a history of the past 100 years in Lee, were printed, including 1,500 hard cover editions and 1,500 soft cover copies.

Distribution of the 800-plus books ordered before publication began this morning at the Town Hall. The books will also be given out tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday evening from 7 to 9.

Charlotte P. Davis of the History Committee is in charge of the distribution of books to subscribers. She is being assisted by Kathleen McIntyre and Linda Winters.



Andy Holden

TEARING DOWN the net is Lorraine Derrick of Lee after the Wildcats' win over St. Joseph's that clinched a tie for the Southern Division crown. Sally Gangell (23) and Anne Marie Barrett help support Derrick.

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LEE HIGH quiz team poses with TV show moderator Phil Sheardson, second from right in rear. Team members, left to right, are Robert Lohbauer, Catherine Hibbard, Scott Lindsay and Barbara VanOrman.

LHS quiz team to compete on TV

LEE — The Lee High School quiz team will compete again tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. the television program, "As Schools Match Wits," seen on Channel 22 out of Springfield.

Lee beat Chicopee High School last Saturday and this week will compete against Cathedral High School of Springfield.

There are no prizes, but three-

time winners are eligible for the playoffs, which are scholarship competitions.

Team adviser is Kathleen Hall, a teacher at Lee High School. Members meet the first Wednesday of each month for quiz sessions with other Berkshire County schools.

Team members are Scott Lindsay, a junior, and Robert Lohbauer, Catherine Hibbard and Barbara VanOrman, sen-

iors. Alternate members of the Lee team are Robert Sorrentino, Joyce Greenleaf and Daryl Wheeler.

This year is the second in a row that the Lee team has entered broadcast competition.

several years. Her husband, co-owner of the shop, works for the E.D. Jones Division of the Beloit Corp. in Dalton.

She and her husband opened the shop, located in Park Plaza on Park Street, Nov. 1.

"I've been thinking that God wanted me to open a Christian bookstore for the past two years," she said. "It's been slowly coming. The store is a witness to Christianity first and a business second."

The shop offers a wide range of religious books and Bible translations for Protestants and Catholics.

"I don't get involved in denominationalism," says Mrs. Alliss. "I'm finding that people at first thought I was associated with some cult. I'm not. I get all my books from the Christian Booksellers Association. It doesn't push any particular branch of Christianity."

Neither does Mrs. Alliss. "I don't feel you should push anything on anybody," she says. "It should be their choice. I just put the books on the shelf."

Among the editions of the Bible regularly stocked are "The Way" Bible, "The New American Catholic Bible," "The Good News Bible," "The King James Version," "The Living Bible," and "Good News for Modern Man." There are both regular and large-print editions of most available.

Mrs. Alliss also stocks Sunday

Becket Native, continued.

BPW honors Miss Dennis

Miss Betty Dennis of East Lee, Lee librarian for 37 years, was honored by the Pittsfield Business and Professional Women's Club at a dinner meeting Tuesday at the Stanley Club.

The club, in celebrating national business women's week each October, makes the award to a person in the community who has done outstanding work in civic participation, the arts or personal development.

Miss Dennis spoke on children's work at the library in conjunction with the International Year of the Child observance. She established a children's room at the library early in her career. Last November, when the library's new wing was dedicated, she was honored by having the new enlarged children's room named for her.

Laurence J. Tierney, Lee soldier, dies in Tex. crash

LEE — Pfc. Laurence J. Tierney, 18, of Pease Terrace, stationed with the U.S. Army at Ft. Hood, Tex., was killed in an automobile accident in Belton, Tex., Sunday morning.

Born in Watertown, Conn., the son of William and Vivian Gibbo Tierney, he spent his early life in Waterbury, Conn., before moving to Lee with his parents seven years ago.

He attended Lee High School and enlisted in the Army in May 1975 and was sent to Ft. Hood. He was with the Combat Support Company to the 2nd Armored Division.

He was a member of St. George's Episcopal Church here.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Tierney of Manchester, Conn.; and two brothers, William T. Tierney and Kenneth A. Tierney, both at home.

The funeral will be Friday morning at 10:15 from the Kelly Funeral Home with 11 a.m. services at St. George's Church. Burial will be in Fairmount Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Kelly Funeral Home will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.



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LARGE-PRINT edition of the Bible is displayed by Mrs. Charles A. Alliss, owner of Greener Pastures, a bookstore featuring religious literature that opened recently in Park Plaza in Lee.

Becket native opens shop featuring religious books

By John S. Egan

LEE — The opening of "Greener Pastures" religious bookshop helps fill a general need for more stores specializing in Christian literature, according to shop owner Mrs. Charles A. Alliss of Becket.

"I feel as though there's a lack of Christian bookstores throughout the entire Northeast," says Mrs. Alliss.

Mrs. Alliss, a native of Becket, recently returned to the area after living in Florida for

school materials, jewelry featuring Christian symbols, and cassettes and records of religious musical groups. There are even bumper stickers with a religious theme. One sticker reads "Beat the Heat - Go to Heaven."

Any book not in stock can be ordered, Mrs. Alliss said. "I'll

also supply anything for any church, Protestant or Catholic," she said. "Hymnals, choir robes, church bulletin papers, furniture, whatever."

Greener Pastures is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Lee operators adopt 'handles' for CB radio

By John S. Egan

LEE — The town's switchboard operators have joined the ranks of citizens band radio enthusiasts.

The operators, who work the 24-hour switchboard in the basement of the Town Hall, adopted their "handles" last week, shortly after the arrival of a new 40-channel CB radio. The radio was ordered by the town's Emergency Services Com-

mittee, and installed near the plectron receiver, county fire phones and other emergency equipment.

Coming up with the "handles," the nicknames that CB themselves, wasn't too hard for the town's operators — Lena D. Bettega, Mary I. Serra, Charlene Abderhalden, and Joan R. Wheeler. Mrs. Bettega, a Lee selectman, chose "Switchboard Lady." Mary Ingegnì Serra used her initials to create the handle "Italian MIS." Mrs. Abderhalden opted for "Chooki," a name given her by the Lee Police Department, which shares the basement of Town Hall with the switchboard.

No choice

Only Mrs. Wheeler, who has perhaps the most colorful handle of all, didn't have any choice in the matter. Mrs. Wheeler works the midnight to 8 a.m. shift. The other operators, she said, decided her handle should be "Midnight Lady."

The CB radio was ordered to allow the switchboard operators to maintain contact with police cruisers that go beyond the transmitting limits of the police radio. It also could be used as an alternate means of communications during natural disasters and other emergencies.

The Town Hall CB normally is kept tuned to Channel 9, a national emergency channel.



John S. Egan
Lena D. Bettega
'Switchboard Lady'

Institute cites Lee's chief

LEE — The New England Institute of Law Enforcement Management commended acting Lee Police Chief Edward J. Finnegan on completion of the institute's three-week command training program.

Acting Chief Finnegan was given a three-week leave from duty to attend the course, held at Babson College in Wellesley. He completed it Nov. 12. The Selectmen received a letter regarding Finnegan's performance from Charles V. Barry of the institute this week.

"It is our belief that acting Chief Finnegan, through the diligence and dedication he displayed during the course of the program, has strengthened his knowledge of supervision, communications, management and human relations," Barry said.

DEMOLITION of house adjacent to the former Lee Theatre on Main Street in Lee exposed connection between the house and the moviehouse, which is at left.

Theater was operated by the late Mrs. Anthony F. Serra, who lived in the house.

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Owner plans to rent out former Lee theater

LEE — A vacant lot next to the old movie theater on Main Street will become a parking lot for the boarded-up theater building, owner Edward J. Cristiano said Friday.

Off-street parking will make the building a more attractive rental property, according to Cristiano. He said he does not now have any tenants for the property nor know what the building will be used for.

The vacant lot was created when a house next to the movie theater was razed about two weeks ago. The house, which recently contained apartments, had been owned by Cristiano's grandfather and then by his aunt, the late Mrs. Anthony F. Serra, who built the movie theater in 1939, and ran it for more than 20 years. The theater closed in 1962 and then reopened in 1967, operating for less than a

year before closing again. The property is now owned by a trust composed of Cristiano and relatives.

"The first thing we're doing is cosmetically fixing the property up," said Cristiano. He said that he planned to repair brick work and patch holes along the theater wall that was exposed by the demolition of the adjacent house. Blacktopping of the vacant lot is slated for the spring.

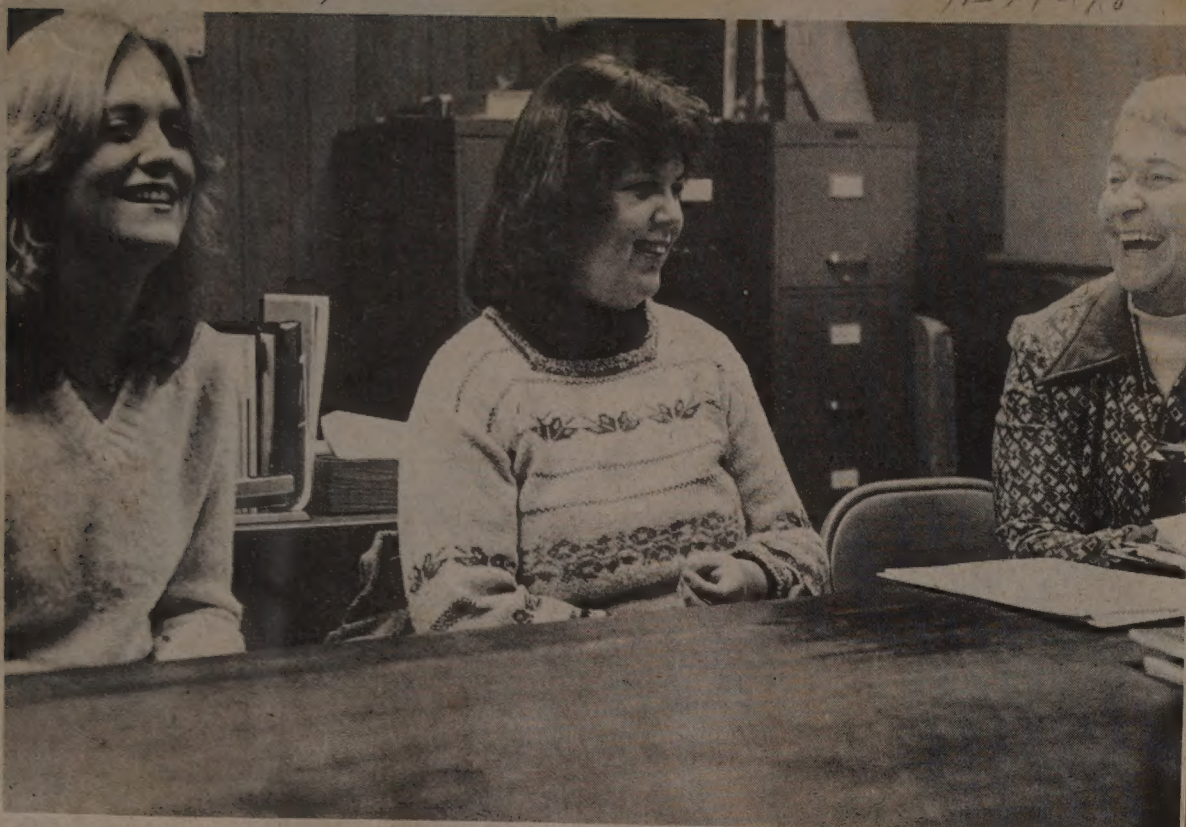
"The property will be fixed right," he said. "I want the building to be an asset to the town."

Leaks from the roof of the old movie theater and a crumbling terrazzo floor prompted town officials earlier this year to complain about the theater conditions to Cristiano, who subsequently hired contractors to make repairs.

Nov. 11: Funeral of Norman Rockwell brought national attention to Stockbridge, where the illustrator had made his home for the last 25 years of his life. Some 400 spectators gathered outside St. Paul's Church. His studio will become a museum.



Mark Mitchell



LEE KEY CLUB members Pam Wickham, left, and Mary Jo Keenan, second from left, enjoy light moment with Selectman Lena D. Bettega. Club members

presented Golden Hill Forest shelter cleanup project proposal to Selectmen last night.

Photos by John S. Egan

Lee youths propose cleanup, repairs at Golden Hill forest

By John S. Egan

LEE — Four Lee High School Key Club members last night unveiled plans to clean up rubbish and repair a vandalized picnic shelter at the town's Golden Hill Park.

"We'd like to restore it," Gregory



Gregory Taillefer
Golden Hill is a resource

Taillefer told the Selectmen. "As we see it, Golden Hill is a resource. We can use Golden Hill to build things off of."

"The town has been looking for a constructive place where kids can do their thing," he continued. "It's an ideal spot for a youths' center. We could make a softball field, or put plastic down and make a hockey rink in winter. We could organize a ski club. We want to make a place where parents can feel good about their kids."

The town now has no youth center, Taillefer continued. While the Golden Hill shelter has in the past been the site of drinking parties and occasional vandalism, the Key Club members said a cleanup project would give local youths something constructive to do there.

"We've got about 50 kids ready to help," said club secretary Pamela Wickham. "We feel the youth need something constructive to do." Key Club activities, like the recent Operation Nightmare II at the Lee Grange Hall or the proposed project "get us to do something over the weekend," she said. "It's better than sitting around and watching the cars go by. But we'd like your backing on it."

Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy and the other Selectmen gave the

club their blessings.

"I think this is what we've been waiting for," he said. "Somebody to take it on as a project."

Taillefer said club members were looking for sponsors and materials.

"We've got wooden shingles for the shelter roof," he said. "We need materials to rebuild the picnic tables. We need new trash barrels. All we need is materials and we'll do the work."

Selectman John E. DeVarenes suggested that Key Club members talk to Department of Public Works Superintendent J. Peter Scolforo about materials. He also suggested that the high school shop might be interested in fabricating picnic tables.

Francis D. Foley Jr. of Pease Terrace, a member of the Lee Lion's Club, told the students that other service organizations would be interested in pitching in on the project.

Key Clubbers will meet at the Golden Hill shelter at noon Saturday to get started on cleaning up the area, Mary Jo Keenan, project chairman said.

"I give you a lot of credit for just thinking of going up there and cleaning up," said Selectman Lena D. Bettega. "That's quite a job."

Sales agreement signed for Lee restaurant, inn

LEE — Two Eastern Massachusetts businessmen have signed an agreement to buy the Morgan House Restaurant, which has been closed since early September.

The agreement on the 19th century inn was signed Oct. 30 by two buyers from Salem, according to realtors Isodore Goodman of Pittsfield and Richard M. Krzynowek of Great Barrington. Goodman and Krzynowek, both officers in Isgood Realty, are negotiating the sale.

The prospective purchasers put a cash binder on the property, according to Krzynowek. The real estate agent declined to identify the buyers or to disclose the sale price.

He said the two Eastern Massachusetts residents are attempting to secure financing to close the deal.

The asking price for the restaurant has been reported in the range of between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Maria Cole of Tyringham, owner of the Morgan House, in early September announced she was closing the combination inn and restaurant because she did not have time to continue operating the facility as it should be operated.

Advertisement announcing the sale of the structure appeared in the Wall Street Journal.

The inn features a large first-floor dining area and separate bar and cocktail lounge. The second and third floors have a total of 15 guest rooms.

The Morgan House was built in the early 1800s as a private residence by William Potter, who moved to Lee in 1817. He lived in it until 1853, when Edward Morgan purchased the building and converted it to a stagecoach inn.

Franklin L. Couch, 87, dies; was leading Dalton citizen

By Edward J. Farrell

DALTON — Franklin L. "Cap" Couch, 87, of 22 Central Ave., one of Dalton's most distinguished residents, veteran of two world wars, world traveler, and former Congregational minister, died yesterday at the Dalton Convalescent and Nursing Home after a long illness.

For many years, Scouting was a full-time occupation through which he touched the lives and influenced a complete generation of Dalton youth. He donated much of his time and personal funds in making Troop 4, of which he was Scoutmaster, world famous for both its size and innovative activities.

In the late 1930s, Troop 4, which was headquartered in the Dalton Congregational Church, was recognized as the largest Boy Scout troop in the world.

The Scout troop sponsored a wide assortment of functions that were beyond the scope of most troops at the time, including extended camping and hiking trips to the White Mountains in New Hampshire and trips to Connecticut beaches.

Civic services

Mr. Couch also nurtured a sense of civic responsibility among troop members by organizing search programs for missing persons, flood-relief services for victims of the 1937 Becket flood, routine shoveling out of fire hydrants after winter storms, and entertainment for shut-ins.

Although he was a man of varied interests, his Boy Scouts were his main concern for many years. Mr. Couch had a special entrance in his Main Street home that led into his private office and library, where he was always available for counseling and advice to those who sought it.

He was known to everyone as "Cap Couch," mostly because he left the U.S. Army at the end of World War I with the rank of captain.

He served as commissioner of the Berkshire County Boy Scout Council for seven years and gave Camp Sunrise in Otis to the Council to be used as a summer



Franklin L. Couch

camp for county Scouts.

He stepped down as Scoutmaster in 1934 to devote his time to publishing the Village Press, a weekly newspaper that employed mostly former Troop 4 Scouts.

The paper later became The Dalton News Record.

He also spent time between his Scouting duties and his publishing activities as personnel director for Crane & Co., which was founded by his grandfather, Zenas Crane.

Mr. Couch's military career began while he was a student at Yale. He served in the National Guard Field Artillery as a private and saw duty at the Mexican border in 1916. He went on active duty with the Army after his graduation from Yale in 1917, was commissioned an officer in the Field Artillery and sent to France.

Upon his return to Dalton, he became the first commander of the American Legion Benjamin J. Sullivan Post.

He was recalled to active duty in 1943 and served in the Philippines. He left active duty in 1950 and retired from the Army Reserve Corps two years later with the rank of colonel.

Switched to preaching

Shortly after leaving the military life, he switched to preaching, serving first as a lay

preacher in New Hampshire and later as lay pastor of the Tyringham Union Church.

It was in this post that he founded Tyringham Topics, a quarterly newsletter about life in Tyringham. To report Tyringham gossip, always benign, he invited a character named "Myrtle the Turtle."

He was ordained in 1966 by the Berkshire Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers, and was the only man without seminary training in Berkshire County to be given the full rights and privileges of the Congregational Church.

He managed to couple his church duties with those of the post as director of the Dalton Civil Defense, a job he held for 17 years.

Wrote town history

He retired as minister of the Tyringham Church in 1973 and immediately turned his efforts to composing a history of Dalton, which was published in 1978.

Mr. Couch was honored by the town in 1977 for his work as chairman of the town's Bicentennial Commission and his portrait was hung in the Crane Room of the Town Hall, along with several other members of the Crane family.

He was born in New York City, son of Dr. Franklin M. Couch and Jeanne L. Crane. He prepared for Yale at Hotchkiss School.

Mr. Couch and his wife, the former Ruth Pierce, were honored by the town in 1970 on their 50th wedding anniversary.

In addition to his wife, he leaves three sons, Robert B. Couch, Easthamton; Dr. Nathan P. Couch, a surgeon at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, and Franklin L. Couch Jr. of Abington, Md. A fourth son, Navy Lt. James B. Couch, was killed in the Korean War.

Mr. Couch is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

There will be a private burial service in the Main Street Cemetery with memorial services to be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Dalton Congregational Church.

Lee history book readied for sale

LEE — The long-awaited bi-centennial history of Lee will be available to the public Christmas week, the book's printer announced.

Thomas R. Reardon, vice president of Studley Press Inc. of Dalton, said today that copies of the 426-page book would be returned from the bindery and released to the public before the end of December.

The publishing of the book had been scheduled for last March but was set back several times because of revisions and publishing delays.

The book is titled "See All the People, or Life in Lee." Written by Florence S. Consolati, a Lee resident, the book contains more than 500 illustrations, including a map of Lee by Vaughan Gray of Glendale. Three thousand copies are being printed.

The Specialty Paper Division of the Mead Corp. in South Lee donated \$2,500 worth of paper for the book. Clark-Aiken Co. is donating a truck and personnel to pick up copies of the book next month.

The volume will chronicle, in words and pictures, the history

of the town for the past 100 years and will serve as a companion volume to the "Centennial History of Lee," published in 1878.

Author is resident

The book's author, Mrs. Consolati, researched area libraries for nearly 18 months and interviewed at least 35 elderly Lee residents in preparing the manuscript.

The wife of retired Lee High School athletic director and football coach John J. Consolati, Mrs. Consolati moved from New York City to Lee with her parents when she was 6 years old. She edited the Lee High School newspaper, and following her graduation in 1932, worked as a reporter for the Berkshire Gleaner, a weekly Lee newspaper that ceased publication in 1944. She subsequently became a correspondent for the Springfield Union and a reporter for The Berkshire Eagle.

One of the Consolati's six children, Deidre, who worked for several years as an editor at Ziff-Davis Publishing Co. in New York City, was editor of the bi-centennial history. A son, Jay Consolati, worked on the index.

The jacket of the book was designed by Noel Werrett of New York City, art director of Quest magazine, a friend of the Consolatis who has a vacation home in Ancram, N.Y. Warren D. Fowler of Lenox and Paul Rocheleau of Richmond shot photographs for the book's cover.

The prices of the book will increase after publication. Prices are now \$3.95 for the softcover edition for Lee residents and \$4.95 for non-residents, and \$8.95 for the hard-cover copy for Lee residents and \$9.95 for non-residents.

Advance orders may be made through Charlotte Davis of Navin Avenue, chairman of the printing committee. Checks should be made out to the Lee Bicentennial Committee, Mrs. Consolati said.

The "Centennial History of Lee," commissioned by the town, appeared in March 1878. It was begun by the Rev. C.M. Hyde of Haverhill, who completed a year's research before being named president of the Pacific Theological Institute of Honolulu, Hawaii. The centennial committee then named Alexander Hyde of Lee to complete the writing of the 352-page history.

The latter Hyde founded the Lee Academy on High Street and subsequently ran a boarding school on West Park Street. A scientific gardener who wrote columns for The New York Times, Hyde declined the presidency of the State Agricultural College at Amherst, now the University of Massachusetts.



Barbara Guttormsen

CHRISTMAS WREATH and basket will be sold at annual Christmas bazaar of St. George's Church in Lee on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holding the wreath is Mrs. Leon Pecon of Pine Ridge Drive. With basket is Mrs. William E. Cuene of Bradley Street. The bazaar, sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of St. George's Church under the direction of Mrs. Nils Guttormsen of Chapel Street, will offer wreaths, decorations, food and surprises.

Legion post honors veterans

GREAT BARRINGTON — Veterans of American Legion Post 127 were honored Nov. 12 with a dinner given by the legion auxiliary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Tryon.

About 40 guests attended the dinner, including the post's one remaining charter member, Wallace Tryon of Monterey. A memorial service was held in memory of deceased veterans and auxiliary members.

County Commander Clement St. Hilaire addressed the group and gave a story about the founding of the American Legion. Anthony Sacco, department chairman for membership, spoke on the organization's community work.

Auxiliary members Alida Higgins and Anne Tryon recently made a visit to the Veterans' Hospital in Northampton to deliver 65 Christmas gifts from the unit for the annual gift shop held by the auxiliary for members of the veterans' families.

Lockheed promotes Barrington man

GREAT BARRINGTON — The Lockheed Electronics Co. Inc. of Plainfield, N.J., has announced the appointment of Louis B. Gerold of Taconic Avenue as northeast regional sales manager for the firm's petroleum products line.

Gerold will be responsible for sales activities on the Lockheed computing register, an automatic invoicing system for the

Kimberly-Clark is increasing pension payments

LEE — The Kimberly-Clark Corp., which operates four Schweitzer Division paper mills here, is increasing its monthly pension payments as much as 25 percent to about 4,000 retirees or their survivors drawing pensions before 1977, the corporation announced this week.

The pension boost was designed to "offset the rising cost of living," the company said.

The pension hike will mean bigger monthly checks for most of Schweitzer's 182 local retirees, according to Gary R. Morton, personnel director at the company's Lee mills. The increases will be included with the January 1979 pension payments.

This is the company's third pension supplement since 1970. The boost will cost the corporation more than \$17 million over the years, Kimberly-Clark said. The pension hikes vary from 7 percent for those who retired in 1976 to 25 percent for those who retired in 1958 or earlier.

Monthly pension payments to former employees who retired in 1977 or 1978 remain unchanged, however, because "it is felt that their retirement incomes hadn't been as seriously affected by inflation as those who retired earlier," the company said.

Letters announcing the pension increases were sent to Schweitzer retirees earlier this week, Morton said.

For last minute shopping. Open all day Sun. Dec. 24th, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Open Christmas day Dec. 25th, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. McClelland Rexall, Main St. — Adv.



John S. Egan

GINGERBREAD LIBRARY gets close inspection from these three young Lee residents, from left to right, Elizabeth A. Palardy, David M. Mack and Karen J. Conroy. Barbara Guttormsen of 317 Chapel St., Lee, made the edible edifice, a replica of the Lee Library and newly opened addition. It is on display at the library.

Lenox Library cutting hours to save fuel costs

LENEX — For the first time in more than 30 years, the Lenox Library will be on a reduced schedule for the duration of the winter.

The board of managers voted Saturday to close the library on Mondays and to shorten the time it is open the rest of the week. The new schedule will go into effect on Jan. 1.

Head librarian Margaret Kennard said yesterday that the cost of heating the 163-year-old building had become too high for the independent library to pay. The Lenox Library is supported by donations and endowments rather than by government funds.

Mrs. Kennard estimated that it costs \$35 a day to heat the building on an average winter day. Heating bills of more than \$1,000 a month are common during the coldest months, she said.

The library now will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. When the warm weather returns, Mrs. Kennard said, the regular 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. schedule will be resumed.



John S. Egan

FURRY FRIENDS of the 5th grade at St. Mary's School in Lee are held by students Lisa M. Harrison, left, and Lisa A. Salinetti. Frances Carty's 5th grade class used the white rats in an experiment on the nutritional value of milk.

Lee students seeking home for rats used in diet test

LEE — The 5th grade class at St. Mary's School is looking for a good home for two 8-week-old white rats.

The rodents, named Mork and Mindy by Frances F. Carty's 5th grade class, were used in a five-week nutritional experiment, sponsored by the New England Dairy and Food Council.

The experiment was devised "to show the importance of milk in the diet of growing animals, boys and girls included," Mrs. Carty said.

Both rats weighed one ounce, measured 8 centimeters in length and were three weeks old at the beginning of the experiment. After five weeks on a milk-based diet, Mindy weighed 5½ ounces and was 16½ centimeters in length. After the same period of time, Mork, whose diet

substituted cola for milk, weighed 1 ounce less and measured 1 centimeter shorter.

Most students expressed a belief in the nutritional superiority of milk to soft drinks.

"Milk's better for you," said James Lahey. "We learned that soda isn't any good for your muscles or teeth. If you eat a lot of junk food, it's bad for you."

One student, however, seemed disappointed in the experiment's results.

"We were hoping that the rat with the cola would grow bigger," dead-panned Darren Mooney. "Then we could have had coke in the lunchroom, instead of milk."

Mrs. Carty asked that anyone interested in adopting either Mork or Mindy contact the school.



Photos by John S. Egan

TRANSIT AUTHORITY administrator Louis J. Perachi, third from left, explains half-fare taxi service to Lee Council on Aging. Listening, from left to right, are William E. Noonan, Lee's representative to the

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority, Kenneth E. Walto of the transit authority, and Mrs. Charles Flint of Cape Street, a council member.

For elderly and handicapped

Half-price taxi rides proposed

By John S. Egan

LEE — Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) officials last night met with the Council on Aging (COA) to go over a transit authority plan to offer half-fare tickets for elderly and handicapped residents who wish to use taxis.

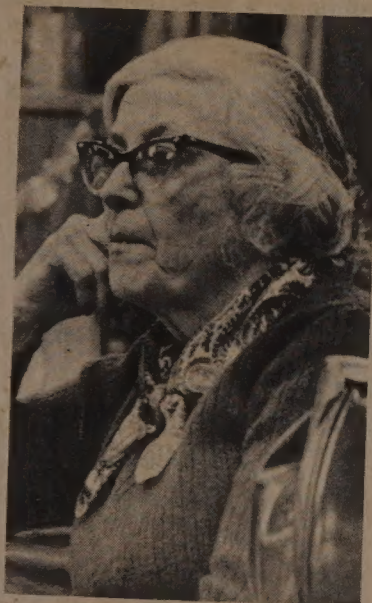
The COA, which had asked for the discussion after an initial misunderstanding of the BRTA plan, took no action on the proposal. Under the plan, the COA would assume the duties of selling the half-price tickets locally.

Council members originally had been concerned that the COA would be responsible for bearing the town's 12½ percent share of the ticket cost, and that the plan was being forced on the town.

"It's been said that this program is 'being shoved down somebody's throat,'" said Louis J. Perachi Jr., BRTA administrator. "That's not the case. You don't have to participate in the program if you don't want to."

Perachi explained that the BRTA, which is made up of Pittsfield, Lee, Lanesboro, Lenox, Dalton, Hinsdale, Richmond and Lenox, had voted to establish a "taxi ticket program because we felt another program was needed in addition to existing services."

The program, first recommended to BRTA by the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission in May 1977, makes tickets available to handicapped or elderly persons, who can use the tickets with a contracted local taxi service. The user buys the tickets for half-price. The federal government pays 25 percent of the ticket cost, with the state and the



Charlotte Davis
Questions cost

town each paying 12½ percent.

The half-price ticket program will supplement existing services, such as the BRTA buses, which don't run on weekends, and private van services, such as Uncle John's Van, which is available in Lee three days a week. It also will enable elderly persons who live far from the bus lines a cheaper way of getting to a bus, Perachi said.

"In Lee, you have a lot of people off the

bus route, who want a ride to the bus," said Perachi. "There are a lot of people in East Lee and South Lee who could catch a ride for half-price to the bus and then ride to Pittsfield."

COA member Charlotte P. Davis complained that the council hadn't been adequately informed of the program. "Isn't it true that if a Lee resident bought a half-price ticket in Pittsfield, from Pittsfield to Lee, that we would be bound to honor it?" she asked. She also questioned how much the program would cost the town.

Perachi said the town would have to bear its share of the cost of tickets sold out-of-town to Lee elderly residents traveling to Lee, and estimated the town's share of the program as between \$300-\$400 in the first year. The town's share will be deducted from state reimbursement to the town, he said.

BRTA is asking councils on aging in Lee, Dalton, Lanesboro and Lenox and other social service agencies in Pittsfield to serve as ticket vendors, according to Kenneth E. Walto of the BRTA. None of the councils on aging in the former towns have decided yet to handle the tickets, he said. Half-price taxi tickets are available in Pittsfield through the city's senior center, the Berkshire Mental Health Center and three other social service agencies.

Park Taxi Service has been contracted by the BRTA to accept the half-fare tickets in Lee, once the program is under way. Park Taxi was the only local taxi service to respond to an invitation to take part in the program, according to Perachi.

Canaan airport controversy

Lee Chamber suggests town buy Main St. site

LEE — Chamber of Commerce officials last night asked the Selectmen to consider applying for a federal grant to purchase an old building on Main Street and turn it into a community resource center or housing for the elderly.

The three-story building, located just north of the Town Hall on the east side of Main Street, houses the H.A. Johansohn 5 & 10 cent store, Lee Parie beauty salon and the Towne Shoppe, all on the first floor. The upper stories are vacant.

For several months this fall there were no glass panes in many second- and third-story windows. The panes were replaced recently. The structure, according to the Selectmen, is owned by Sanford Bookless of Linden Street, Pittsfield.

Downing agreed. "It certainly is a beautiful location. It's central to transportation and walking."

"I think Main Street is coming back," Hommes said. "I think for a while it was going down, and a few years ago it was stagnant. But now it's coming back. Fran (Downing) started it. He showed people what could be done."

Consider the future

Chamber of Commerce Second Vice President Marilyn K. Sullivan urged the Selectmen to consider the future of the Bookless

building because local merchants were concerned about what might happen to the building if Johansohn's ever changed locations or went out of business.

Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy said the board would start investigating the possibility of obtaining a grant to purchase the property. Selectman John E. DeVarennes suggested that the board contact Philip L. Dumouchel, the Berkshire County grantsman, for assistance in going after federal funds.

Bookless could not be reached this morning for comment.



Francis X. Downing
Go after grants



Marilyn K. Sullivan
Concerned about street's future

Ball field for Maple St. OK'd by board

LEE — The Lee School Committee voted unanimously Tuesday to allow the Department of Public Works to develop a ball field on town-owned Maple Street property.

The land was purchased by the town in the 1960s for the construction of a new elementary school and town swimming pool. The plan was approved at one special town meeting but voted down at a second special town meeting.

The proposed use of the property came up again when voters in 1976 rejected a \$3.6 million new middle school, opting instead to build a \$1.4 million addition to the existing Central School on High Street. The land has never been developed.

DPW Superintendent J. Peter Scolforo Tuesday said the DPW wants to expand the existing recreational facilities in town by building a softball field on one portion of the site. A backstop and outfield fence line would be constructed. At this time there are not any plans to put lights at the field.

Other fields named

Scolforo said demand for playing fields in summer is continually growing. The town already maintains ball fields at Lee Athletic Field on Housatonic Street, on Marble Street, near Abbey Court, and in East Lee.

The fields are used by six men's softball teams, three women's teams, a farm team, a girls' softball team, the Tee-Ball League and other teams. The Little League has its own field behind the Lee Savings Bank.

The creation of another field will allow the DPW to move some of the men's softball games away from the Marble Street field. The shift perhaps will allay recent complaints from neighbors of the Marble Street field, he said.

One suggestion

"I have a suggestion regarding the Bookless block on Main Street," said Francis X. Downing, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and owner of McClelland's Drug Store, located directly across Main Street from the Bookless building. "Has anyone explored the possibility of going after federal funds to buy it?"

"Let's face it," he continued. "Anything would be better than what's happening with much of the building now. I don't even know if funds are available. But I think something could be done there. Put in housing for the elderly."

Chamber of Commerce President Richard Hommes concurred.

"Maybe you people could do some research on what funds are available," he said to the Selectmen. The board had invited Hommes, Downing and other Chamber officials to discuss "what the town could do about Lee's Main Street."

Hommes suggested that one floor of the building could be turned into a home for the Lee Arts Center, which until yesterday had been unable to find a facility for operations. The Selectmen yesterday told arts center coordinator Pamela Gore that she could use a small room in the basement of the Town Hall for a headquarters.

The Bookless building, Hommes said, "would be a better facility than just a small room. I think it would make a wonderful use for Pam Gore and her arts center."

BMC official to head nurses at Fairview

Miss Marguerite M. Tristany of Lee, coordinator of in-service training for nurses at Berkshire Medical Center, is leaving that post to become director of nursing services at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington.

Miss Tristany started her new position today, according to Harvey Thompson, Fairview comptroller and acting director, who announced the appointment.

As director of nursing, Miss Tristany will direct all activities of the 95 nurses at the 70-bed hospital. She replaces Rita Clark, who has been acting director of nursing and director of clinical nursing. Ms. Clark is retaining the latter position.

"Miss Tristany is knowledgeable regarding the rules and regulations of nursing care," said Thompson. "She has over 30 years' experience in the field."

Thompson said Miss Tristany's "previous experience as director of nursing at the former St. Luke's School of Nursing and clinical director at BMC" were factors in her appointment.

Miss Tristany, chairman of the Lee School Committee, has been at the Berkshire Medical Center site at North and Wahconah streets since 1974, when St. Luke's School of Nursing on East Street, which had become part of the BMC complex, closed.

Miss Tristany, who joined the St. Luke's staff in 1947, served one year as director of the nursing school. During her 26 years on the St. Luke's staff, she also held posts as instructor of sci-



Marguerite M. Tristany

ence and medical-surgical nursing and as clinical coordinator. She was also assistant director and then associate director of nursing education.

She is a graduate of the St. Luke's School of Nursing and of Boston University School of Nursing with a bachelor of science degree in nursing education. She holds a master of education degree from North Adams State College.

First elected to the Lee School Committee in 1971, Miss Tristany was voted chairman this year.

Bingo-Elks Lodge

Mon. night. Up to \$1,500 in prizes. Early Bird 7:15 - Adv.



Joel Librizzi

Rockwell mourners

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Family of artist Norman Rockwell, who died in Stockbridge Wednesday, led nearly 500 mourners at funeral Saturday. The artist's widow, Molly Punderson Rockwell, center, is flanked by Rockwell's son, Peter, right,

and by funeral director Milton L. Stevens. Behind them are another of Rockwell's sons, Thomas, and his wife, Gail. Funeral was at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Stockbridge. Story and pictures on Page 30.

Rockwell studio is left to Old Corner House

By Stephen Fay

STOCKBRIDGE — Norman Rockwell's studio on South Street was left by the illustrator to a trust that will make it available to the Old Corner House for use as a museum.

David H. Wood, director of the Old Corner House on Main Street, said today that Rockwell had discussed the disposition of his studio with him more than a year ago and arranged for it and its contents to be left to an irrevocable trust.

Included in the bequest of the studio, which is next to the house Rockwell and his wife Molly shared for 17 years, are 150 paintings and sketches that had been the painter's property.

The studio and artwork have been left

to the Norman Rockwell Paintings Trust. That trust, set up for the sole purpose of preserving the studio and paintings, has three trustees: Jarvis W. Rockwell and Thomas R. Rockwell, both sons of the artist, and attorney Arthur Abelman of the New York City law firm that has represented Rockwell.

Wood said that, under the stipulations of the trust arrangement, the Old Corner House, which is a museum of Rockwell originals and prints, "becomes the custodian of the paintings and the studio."

He said that under the terms of the trust, the paintings and studio are not to be sold.

Wood said he was unable to provide details regarding the conversion of the art-

ist's studio into a public museum. He could not, for example, speculate as to whether the studio would be physically relocated from its site next to the Rockwell's home on South Street. He said that the residence itself was not mentioned in the trust, and that it will remain the home of Mrs. Rockwell.

The Old Corner House, which had been closed since Thursday morning, reopened this morning. Margaret L. Batty, assistant director, said that the turnout was modest this morning. She said a freeze on the sales of prints, which went into effect Thursday, is being maintained until the directors can evaluate the increasing monetary value of Rockwell's works. She said it is likely that the cost of the prints will increase.



John S. Egan

LEE SUPERINTENDENT Maurice J. Boulanger, at left, responds to allegations about poor cooperation between administrators and teachers from resigning Lee High School art teacher Clifford Miller. At right is School Committee member John H. Dolan.

2 Lee High teachers resign

LEE — Clifford Miller, in a letter of resignation as a Lee High School art teacher, voiced several complaints about administrators at the school.

The School Committee last night accepted the resignation, which becomes effective Nov. 1.

The resignation letter was one of two opened yesterday that were critical of administrators. Music teacher William Bradley also tendered his resignation, citing "irreconcilable differences between the administration and the priorities involved with my teaching situation." Bradley's resignation, which was also accepted by the committee, took effect Oct. 1.

Miller in his letter indicated that he is stepping down because he wants to seek other employment and because of philosophical differences with his superiors.

"As an artist, I have a personal need to work on my own art, and teaching consumes a great deal of my creative energy," he wrote. "I want to work more actively in the environmental area and further studies in that field."

"There are other factors which have influenced my decision," he continued, "such as general mistrust of teachers by administration,

paperwork, lack of or no help or interest in making courses better, imbalance of equality (student to teacher and teacher to administrator), and inconsistency of rules and their enforcement."

School Committee members asked Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger to respond to the resignation letters.

Boulanger said that "in both cases, these people objected to writing lesson plans." The superintendent, without being specific, said that one of the teachers "just wanted to come in and teach."

In regard the comment that administrators had offered "a lack of help or no help in making classes better," Boulanger responded with a strongly voiced "not true."

Director of curriculum and instruction Michael B. Ronan had "tried to work with" Miller, Boulanger said.

School Committee Chairman Marguerite M. Tristany asked Boulanger to "look into the comments about the administration for us" and return with a report at the next committee meeting.

Curriculum director

In another matter, the School Committee voted 5 to 1 to accept a job description for the position of director of curriculum and instruction. School Committee member Joseph Puleri cast the dissenting vote. He said he feared that the job description would create "an assistant superintendent's position."

According to the motion that was approved, the salary of the director of curriculum and instruction will be "commensurate with the salary range of the director of guidance." The latter position has a starting salary of \$15,985 for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and five years' experience or \$17,485 for a teacher with a master's degree and five years' experience.

Old East Lee School desks to be given away

LEE — Acting on a Selectmen's request that the old East Lee School on Silver Street be emptied of all stored school equipment, the School Committee voted last night to give all old wooden desks and chairs in the former school building to town residents.

The give-away will be at the East Lee School on Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. Town residents will be eligible to take away two wooden desks, on a first-come, first-serve basis, until there are no more left.

"I feel it would be a nice gesture to the townspeople who have paid taxes and supported the schools year after year to put these desks on the market at a nominal cost or to give them away," said School Committee Chairman Marguerite M. Tristany.

100 in storage

There are probably 100 wooden desks and chairs in storage, according to Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger. The desks range in size from miniature kindergarten versions to high school models.

The former East Lee School ceased operations when the new

addition to the Central School opened in September 1977. While the structure has since been turned back to the town, the School Department has continued to use the building for storage.

The Selectmen recently informed Miss Tristany that they intend to sell the structure and asked that all stored equipment be removed.

The schools have very little storage space, according to Boulanger. He said that the wooden desks and chairs couldn't be used in classrooms.

School Committee member Henry G. Greiner suggested the desks be given to residents on a limited basis.

"I'd hate to give them away and see some person down at the Town Park next summer selling about 30 of them for \$50 a piece," he said. "I have no problem with giving them away. I think they should be limited one to a family on a first-come, first-serve basis."

The number was upped to two desks per resident after Miss Tristany said that some families with children would want more than one desk. "Two are better than one," she said.

Lee Bowling

Lee Women's Business — High singles: Sandy Cummings, 204; Bea Blache, 189; Yvonne Armstrong, 184. High totals: Sandy Cummings, 581; Yvonne Armstrong, 507; Lona Martin, 471.

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Lee school board names librarian

LEE — The Lee School Committee Tuesday appointed Christine A. Delanjan of Brookline as librarian at Lee High School.

Ms. Delanjan, 27, graduated summa cum laude in three years from Boston University and holds a master's in library science from Simmons College. If she accepts the Lee post, she will replace retired librarian M. Eloise Sloan. Her salary would be \$11,200.

The committee also voted to appoint Paula J. O'Rourke of Pittsfield as alternate choice for librarian, in the event that Ms. Delanjan turns down the position. Ms. O'Rourke, 27, who has worked in the Pittsfield schools, holds a bachelor's degree from State University of New York at Oswego and a master's in library science from SUNY at Albany.

Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger interviewed 14 applicants for the position.

Boulanger said he would post an announcement of the job opening this week. He said he hopes that the position will be filled during the early part of the new school year.

Other matters

In other matters, the School Committee:

— Unanimously voted down a local option school breakfast program. Boulanger said that the local school system is not required by state law to offer the breakfast program because it has fewer than 100 students eligible for the program.

— Awarded a \$2,850 contract to Jim's Roofing of 243 Lebanon Ave., Pittsfield, for repairs of the leaking slate roof over the old portion of Lee Central

School. D.J. Wooliver & Sons Inc. of Lanesboro submitted a bid of \$4,400.

— Awarded a \$3,654 contract to Hobart Corp. of Springfield to supply a food mixer to the school system. Lewis Equipment Co. of Albany, N.Y., submitted a bid of \$4,093.

— Appointed Warren Reynolds, guidance counselor and school psychologist, as adult basic education counselor. The \$600 salary for the position is being funded through a federal grant for the adult education program.

— Recommended to the Selectmen that School Committee member William F. Tyer be appointed as the committee's representative on the School Building Commission.

Neighbors say Lee corner is perilous

By John S. Egan

LEE — Three local residents last night asked the Selectmen and a member of the Traffic Commission to find a way to cut traffic accidents at the intersection of High and Franklin streets.

"You see too many accidents there," said Primo Castellini of 62 High St., whose house is at the southeast corner of the intersection. "You start to listen for the squeal of brakes. We're afraid somebody will get killed."

"There have been 17 or 18 accidents there in the past 12 years," said Mrs. Castellini. "And I don't know how many close calls. The children walk by on their way to school. It's getting so, when I hear the brakes, I hate to look out the window anymore."

Walter Ingram of 48 Franklin St., whose house is also located close to the intersection, recommended the installation of a flashing yellow light to slow traffic approaching the intersection.

There are two stop signs to halt traffic approaching the intersection from either side of Franklin Street. There are no stop signs on High Street.

"Luckily nobody has been fatally injured there," said Ingram. "But the last one was a close one. Mrs. (Peter) Scarafoni was proceeding north on High Street when a van going east on Franklin Street hit her. Had she been going a fraction of a second slower, she would have been hit directly in the driver's seat, rather than the rear seat."

Traffic Commission Chairman A. Russell Seff said the installation of a flashing light would cost about \$25,000.

"Frankly we've got worse intersections in town than that one," he said. "That would be third or fourth priority if we started putting in flashing lights."

The most dangerous intersections in town, Seff said, are the intersections of West Park, Park and Main streets and the intersection of Greylock and East Center streets.

"I'd say it's a matter of (law) enforcement," Seff said. "If there are stop signs there and somebody doesn't stop, they're breaking the law."

But Ingram charged that poor street lighting made the intersection unusually



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DANGEROUS conditions at intersection of High and Franklin streets in Lee are alleged by Primo Castellini of 62 High St., t right, pointing to map of intersection, and Walter Ingram of 48 Franklin St., at left.

dangerous after dark.

"I've gone out there many times at night," he said. "It's one of the worst lighted intersections in town. There's one streetlight there."

Mrs. Castellini complained about the placement of a stop sign at the southwest corner of the intersection, located in the yard of Dr. Peter Cerruti. Poor sign visibility makes the intersection particularly dangerous for the unfamiliar motorist approaching the intersection on Franklin Street, she said.

"The stop sign is way over on Dr. Cerruti's lawn," she said. "You can't even

see it. Put it where you can see it."

Ingram recommended doubling the number of stop signs at the intersection and moving the one on the southwest corner closer to the road.

Seff said last night was the first time he had been notified that there were so many problems at the intersection.

"I'm glad this thing came up," he said. "I didn't realize there were so many problems. Apparently the whole intersection needs some study."

Seff said the Traffic Commission would make an investigation of the intersection and report its recommendations to the Selectmen.



Edmund A. Hayes

Edmund A. Hayes, retired officer of Lee National Bank

LEE — Edmund A. Hayes, 80, of 59 Summer St., retired vice president of the Lee National Bank, died Saturday at his home.

Born in Lee, Jan. 3, 1899, he was the son of John H. and Elizabeth Coughlin Hayes.

He attended local schools and was a graduate of the American Institute of Banking.

He began his banking career in 1917 at the Lee National Bank as a bookkeeper. He became a teller in 1934 and assistant cashier in 1942. Mr. Hayes became cashier in 1951 and was elected to the board of directors in 1962. He retired as vice president and cashier in 1965 but continued on the board of directors until January 1979.

Mr. Hayes recently received a plaque for his 61 years in banking.

A communicant of St. Mary's Church, he was a 50-year member of the Berkshire Hills Council of the Knights of Columbus Chapter No. 314, and a past grand knight. He was a 4th-degree member of Bishop Conaty Assembly.

He was also a member of the Tri-Town Rotary Club.

For many years, he was chairman of the Cancer Drive in Lee and was director of the Connecticut Valley Girl Scout Council. He was a former member of the Lee Capital Outlay Committee and a member of the Youth Activities Committee.

Survivors include his wife, Marie O'Connell Hayes; a son, Edmund J. Hayes of Schenectady, N.Y.; three daughters, Mrs. Patricia Plourde and Miss Catherine Hayes, both of Lee, and Mrs. William D. Morrissey of Lenox; a sister, Sister Marie Elizabeth Hayes, of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Conn., and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be tomorrow at 9:15 from the Kelly Funeral Home, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 at St. Mary's Church.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. The Knights of Columbus will meet tonight at 8 at the funeral home.



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EXTERIOR WALL, at right, of original Lee Library building is now an interior wall in stack area of new addition to the library, which will open this afternoon from 2 to 4. Librarian is Miss Elizabeth L. Dennis.



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DISTRICT ATTORNEY-ELECT Anthony J. Ruberto Jr. discusses Lee's vandalism problem last night at East Lee Steak House. About 100 parents, town

officials, members of service organizations, clergy and other concerned residents turned out for the forum.

Vandalism's causes and cures discussed at forum in Lee

By John S. Egan

LEE — Concerned parents and members of local service organizations, clergy, elected officials, school administrators and law enforcement officials from the local, county and state levels turned out at the East Lee Steak House last night for a forum on vandalism.

A few young people also were on hand to give their views.

The meeting, sponsored by the Lee Kiwanis Club, Lee Lions Club, the Tri-Town Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, was prompted by a rash of recent acts of vandalism, such as the destruction of windows at three commercial establishments and slashing of tires on 13 cars on Main Street in October.

Local merchants, particularly those from Park Plaza on Park Street, also have complained of groups of youths congregating in the parking lot, using foul language and harassing customers.

No consensus

There was no consensus on the reasons for vandalism or possible solutions to the problem. While the meeting had been sparked by destructive juvenile acts, expressions of faith in local youth seemed to outweigh criticism.

"I've always felt when I'm dealing with young people, I'm dealing with the greatest natural resource our country has," said Lee High School Principal Robert Lucy. Lucy said he was "thankful my four kids are grown up and on their own."

"This is a tough age to grow up in," he said. "I think the days of the farm are gone, when a kid had to come home from school and had responsibilities to work. There's too much leisure time. When I came to town, football coach John Consolati had 50 kids turn out for the team. Our football team this year had 20 kids at the end of the season."

"There is no such thing as a bad boy or girl," she said. "Vandalism is a symptom, just like drugs or alcohol. They are telling us something. The youngster, from the time he's in the nursery on, needs to be loved. To be recognized. Think of yourselves."

Increased citizen awareness and involvement would help law enforcement authorities fight vandalism and all types of crime, according to State Trooper Peter Risatti, who is stationed in Lee.

"My main concern as a police officer is citizen involvement," Risatti said. "Lee has had a large rash of destruction. There's a need for more citizen involvement. The cop on a beat only has one pair of eyes. It sure helps if you have another 1,000 pairs of eyes looking."

A step

District Attorney-elect Anthony J. Ruberto called last night's meeting a step in the right direction.

"I'm very much concerned about juvenile crime," he said. "I think that's the primary problem that confronts us all. If you walk away from here with the resolve tonight to do something, it's a step forward."

Franklyn P. Sturgis, clerk of the District Court of Southern Berkshire, asked for more public money to help clamp down on the sale of illegal drugs. "I think the biggest problem we have is drugs. If we have any public money, it should be used to fight drugs and the drug pusher."

While Town Counsel James P. Dohoney warned that beefing up the Police Department, imposing curfews and "keeping everyone off the streets" is "not the answer," several of those attending complained that the current

rent system of justice is too lenient on offenders.

"They go out into court," said Joseph Valenti, president of Lee Lions Club. "They get a suspended sentence. Then they go out and do it again."

Paul R. Collins, probation officer for Lee District Court, warned that there "are no simple solutions."

More prisons?

"Everyone wants everybody locked up, until it's their own kids. Everybody wants more prisons, until there's going to be one in Lenox, right, senator?" he said, turning to Sen. John H. Fitzpatrick, R-Stockbridge.

"Vandalism can be stopped," he continued. "Give (acting Lee Police Chief) Eddy Finnegan more men. Let's get the record straight. When there were tires slashed and windows broken on

Main Street, Ed worked day and night for two days to find suspects. There are two warrants out. One suspect is now out of state. The other is also out of town. Ed is doing his job."

Pamela A. Wickham, a Lee High School junior and secretary of the Kiwanis-sponsored Key Club, appealed to the group of adults not to become paranoid about the majority of local youth because of the acts of a few individuals.

Work together

"I don't think merchants should have to lock their doors at dusk," she said. "We aren't out to destroy the town. I don't think cracking down will work. You have to work with us, not against us."

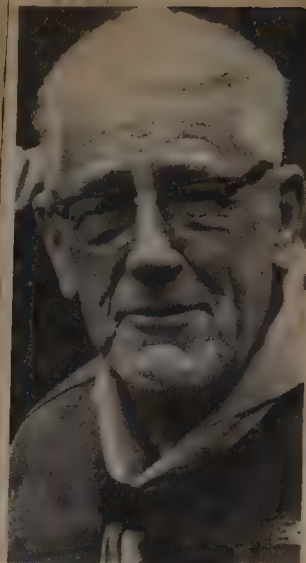
Miss Wickham said the reason so many youths loiter on the sidewalks of Main Street was because "we need a place to go. We don't have a place to go, that's why we're on Main Street."

Martin R. Maroney, a Lee High School senior, commented after the meeting that local adolescents could get a better understanding of adults' view of vandalism if representatives from the service organizations and town officials came to Lee High School.

"I think we should meet in a place that could accommodate 300 to 400 people and sit down and talk for three or four hours," he said. "I think then the kids could understand how the leaders in town and how parents felt about morals."

The service organizations are expected to form committees to further discuss and study juvenile vandalism.

Oil of Olay, 4 oz. \$2.79. McClelland-Rexall, Main St. — Adv.



Rev. John M. Mitchell
World War I veteran

Rev. John Mitchell, retired minister of Methodist Church

LEE — The Rev. John McMath Mitchell, 83, of 137 Main St., a retired Methodist minister, died Monday at his home after a brief illness.

He was born May 12, 1895, son of John and Mary McMath Mitchell, in Dundee, Scotland, where he spent his early life. As a boy, he was a member of one of the first Boy Scout troops formed by Lord Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Mitchell became a life member of the Masonic Temple in Dundee. He served during World War I as a member of the British Royal Naval Division.

He and his wife, the former Leah Horstburgh, came to Canada shortly after their marriage in 1921. They came to the United States the next year and Mr. Mitchell entered the ministry at Drew Theological Seminary in 1928. He served in various pastorates in Vermont and New York state.

He came to Lee in 1959 following his retirement. Mrs. Mitchell died last January.

Mr. Mitchell retained an active interest in Scouting for more than 60 years. He received many honors, including the Silver Beaver Award.

He leaves a son, George B. Mitchell of Lee; a daughter, Mrs. Gerald Gilbert of Mongaup Valley, N.Y.; a sister in Dundee, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at the First United Methodist Church here Friday at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Fairmount Cemetery. Calling hours at the Kelly Funeral Home will be tonight from 7 to 9 and tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

School Committee Chairman Marguerite M. Tristany called for public funding of some kind of youth center — a facility the town now lacks.

"I think some of our tax money should be used to give these young people a place," she said. "They do need a place to assemble, to get together. A building, someplace centrally located."



John S. Egan

OPPONENT of proposed Victoria Restaurant, Anthony Ferrelli, who manages the Morgan House in Lee, said another restaurant in downtown Lee will hurt the Morgan House. At left are Selectmen John DeVarenes and Maria Bettega.



Photos by John S. Egan

VICTORIA RESTAURANT operator James K. Kelley of Lee, at right, and attorney J.F. Houghton, left, wait their turns to speak at hearing before Lee Selectmen, the local liquor-licensing authority.

Lee restaurant opposes proposed new eatery

By John S. Egan

LEE — Representatives from the Morgan House crossed swords last night with that establishment's former owners and head chef, who propose to open a new restaurant near the Morgan House in the center of town.

The new facility, to be called the Victoria Restaurant, would be operated by James K. Kelley, past head chef of the Morgan House, in a building situated between the Cumberland Farms Store and the Tru-Value Tire Co. on Park Street. That site is diagonally across the Congregational Church Park from the Morgan House.

The Park Street building was purchased last fall from Louise Hollister by Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Schroeter of Golden Hill Road, former owners of the Morgan House.

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Last night about 20 persons, including the present manager of the Morgan House, Anthony Ferrelli, attended a hearing on Kelley's application for a seasonal all-alcoholic beverage license at the new facility. The Selectmen, acting as the local licensing authority, took the application under advisement.

"I think we've got a case here that may wind up in the courts," warned attorney Edwin Re-

der of Pittsfield, representing the Morgan House.

According to Reder, Schroeter agreed when he sold the Morgan House five years ago to Maria Cole Devore that he would stay out of the restaurant business in Lee for 10 years.

"There was an express prohibition, signed by Mr. Schroeter," said Reder, "that he will not directly or indirectly for a period of 10 years engage in the business of vending food or alcoholic beverages in the town of Lee. That was signed in 1974."

Under questioning from Reder, however, Kelley emphasized that while Schroeter owns the property in which the Victoria Restaurant is to be located, the former owner of the Morgan House would not be directly involved in running the restaurant.

"The property is owned by Louis Schroeter," said Kelley.

He stated, under further questioning, that he was prepared to sign a "\$1,000-a-month lease" with Schroeter, and that the building's owner was paying for all renovation and installation of kitchen equipment. "There's no percentage, it's strictly \$1,000 a month," he said.

In an emotional appeal, Morgan House manager Ferrelli told the licensing board that the extra competition of another "first-class restaurant" in downtown Lee would damage the Morgan House.

"Do we have enough business in Lee to open another first-class restaurant?" he asked. "We're barely making it at the Morgan House. The competition may jeopardize the landmark called the Morgan House. It's a landmark. A museum. How many memories do you have of the Morgan House. It's been in business over 130 years."

Several abutters to the proposed site of the new facility spoke in favor of it. Edward J. Cristiano, whose mother owns the building housing the Tru-Value Tire Co., said "we're very pleased with the tasteful renovations to this property and we have absolutely no objection to its conversion to a restaurant."

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Attorney J.F. Houghton of Pittsfield, who represented Kelley, submitted to the Selectmen a letter from the Rev. Walter S. Ryan, pastor of the First Congregational Church, which faces the proposed restaurant. Mr. Ryan's letter said he and the church council "had no objections to the license being granted as far as the church is concerned."

Helen Fillo, speaking for Dreyfus National Realty Co., which owns the property directly south of the former Hollister House, said that the new restaurant had legally been given "ingress and egress to facilitate easy parking" through the Dreyfus property.

The restaurant would have a seating capacity of 55 persons, Kelley said. It would also have "a very modest bar" that would contain only four stools and would function primarily as a "service bar," Kelley said. The restaurant would do a lunch and dinner business, closing at about 10:30 at night, he said.

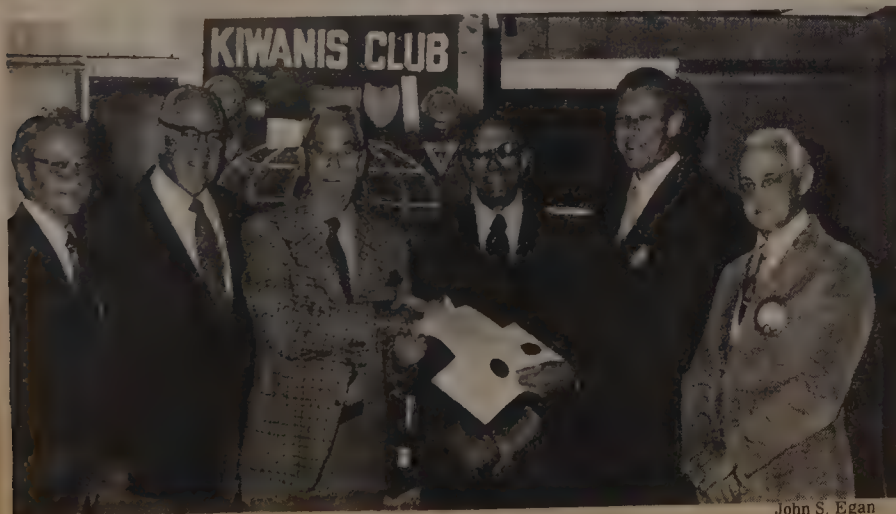
Traffic Commission Chairman W. Russell Seff told the licensing board that the Traffic Commission would need a detailed plan of parking, exits and entrances before giving approval to the new restaurant. He added that permission from the state Department of Public Works might also be a requirement, since the property is located on Park Street, which is part of Route 20, a state road.

The Selectmen made no decision on the application for the seasonal liquor license. The board said it would check with the Planning Board and the Traffic Commission to make sure that the new operation fulfilled all requirements.

"The agreement between the Schroeters and the Morgan House has nothing to do with the license application as far as I'm concerned," said Selectman Lena D. Bettega after the hearing. "If they conform to all the regulations of the Planning Board and Traffic Commission, there's nothing we can do to stop them."

"That's all it takes," said Selectman John E. DeVarenes in agreement.

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LEE KIWANIS honors charter members for their 25 years' service to club. Former president D. Paul LaDuke, at left, and new president Donald I. Inglis, second from right, present awards to four charter members. Award recipients, from left to right, are Charles G. Tucker, Francis G. Fanning, Paul I. Naventi, and, at extreme right, Franklin Sturgis.

Toole firms borrow from tradition to obtain solid look for the future

By John S. Egan

LEE — An insurance agency and a fire department make natural neighbors, according to Joseph M. Toole, head of the Lawrence V. Toole Insurance Agency and the Toole Real Estate Agency.

The two agencies officially opened Sunday in their new home — a renovated three-story Victorian-era house next to the Lee Fire Station on Main Street.

"I think it's apropos for an insurance agency to be located next to a fire station," says Toole, who started the firm's realty division in 1973 and who purchased the insurance agency from his father in January. He bought the three-story house in June for \$30,000 from Lillian C. Mooney. He also purchased a lot on the north side of the house for \$13,500. The insurance agency had been located in the Park Building on Main Street for 40 years.

The history of the insurance business in the 19th century is rooted in the history of fire departments, Toole explains. Many homeowners of the era had "fire marks" on their front doors, to tell arriving firemen the name of their insurers. That information was crucial in those days, Toole says, because insurance companies often paid the firemen directly for services rendered and the swiftness and rates of payment varied from insurer to insurer. Some firemen were even known to step a little quicker when the insurer paid prompt, premium wages.

Appropriate symbol

It was while Toole was mulling over the move from the Park Building to the three-story house that he came up with his firms' new logo — a depiction of the Lee Fire Department's 1881 horse-drawn steamer.

"I think the town's steamer is one of the most beautiful in America," says Toole.

He hired Marc Bassett of North Egremont to create two hand-carved signs bearing the firms' new logos.

One sign, near the front walk, bears the name of the insurance agency and a large carving of the steamer. The other sign, em-

blazoned with the name of the real estate agency, shows a smaller version of the steamer, and a glass display cabinet with spaces for photographs of 12 real estate listings. The cabinet is accessible from the back, so the photographs can be periodically changed.

The script on the signs is gold leaf, against a black background. Each sign is hung on hand-lathed oak pylons, which are sunk in concrete to a depth of four feet.

At Sunday's grand opening, the signs attracted even more comment than the renovations to the house, Toole says.

While Toole declines to specify how much he spent doing over the house, he admits the renovation was extensive. The exterior walls, trim and shutters were completely repainted. A 13-car parking area was created in the lot next to the house. The roof was reshingled. New wiring went in. A new oil furnace was installed. Interior walls were papered, trim was restained and floors were refinished or recarpeted. Thirteen area contractors were hired to do the work.

"The whole house is in perfect shape," says Toole. "It's probably in better shape than the day it was built. Everything is true. There isn't one sag."

After mounting the steps and crossing the broad front porch, a visitor enters the house through a Dutch door made of black cherry, which Toole had stripped down to a natural finish. There are decorative windows on either side of the door and a fantail transom above.

Inside, the first thing a visitor sees is the long reception counter. Behind it are the desks of the insurance agency staff — Bonny Viner, Virginia Vania, Madeleine Briggs and Mary K. Smith, who has been with the agency 25 years.

Room light, airy

The room is flooded with light from the wide plate glass windows along the front of the house and the others along the south side. Four antique chairs make an informal sitting area in front of the counter. To the immediate right is the office of the manager of the realty division,



Photos by John S. Egan

NEW PAINT AND NEW FACES brighten an old Main Street house in Lee. Joseph M. Toole, head of Lawrence V. Toole Insurance Agency and Toole Real Estate Agency, stands in front of his firms' new headquarters. Below, customer Gary J. Richard, with back to camera, consults with insurance staff member Bonny M. Viner. Insurance staffers Mary K. Smith and Virginia Vania are at right.



Steven Peltier. Just beyond, a stairway leads to the second floor, where the realty show-room is located.

To create the reception area, Toole had his contractors knock out a 23-foot long wall that separated the entrance from the living room. The airy, uncluttered atmosphere resulted.

"I wanted the customer to get a feeling of openness when he walks in," says Toole.

The furnishings and decor were chosen to give an impres-

sion of the tradition and solidity, Toole said. The original light fixtures, all brass, were all given good polishings to restore their luster. The walls were wallpapered with a muted blue "Colonial cities" pattern.

Currier & Ives

Reproductions of Currier & Ives prints hang throughout the reception area. The front room reproductions show fire scenes. Others are framed 1948 and 1949 calendar pages, printed by the

Travelers Insurance Companies and distributed for years to agency customers by Toole's father.

"These were the earliest examples I could find of the Currier & Ives series," Toole said. "My father was distributing them from the time Travelers started making them in the 1930s. These were located in my Aunt Molly Toole's barn. They're part of the heritage of the business."

At the rear of the reception and work area is a doorway that leads to a conference room, converted from a former kitchen. In back of that is the former sun-porch, now Toole's office.

Long thermopane windows line three walls, which are paneled with tongue-and-groove solid cherry planks. A large desk dominates the room. The arms of the accompanying chairs are well-worn. Toole explains that he inherited the desk and chairs when he purchased the insurance agency from his father.

Removing stoppers

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Dear House Doctor: The lavatory in our guest bathroom has a stopper that I can remove by lifting and twisting, but I am unable to remove the stopper from the lavatory in my bathroom. I am sure that it is clogged with hair as the water runs out slowly. This may be partly due to the stopper lifting only about half the height of the guest room stopper. Can this be adjusted? — Mrs. T.H.S.

A. Engineers and designers sometimes are more concerned with the technical aspects than with the practical features of a product. It appears obvious that the problem of cleaning the stopper was the last thing on the mind of the designer of this fixture.

Most stopper designs will fall into three general categories, although each manufacturer will have his own variations. The fixture in your guest bathroom probably is the type shown in Figure 1. The lower end of the stopper has a hook which engages the operating rod. It can be removed or engaged by twisting. Some stoppers of this general shape have holes instead of hooks at the ends. To remove them, the packing nuts must be unscrewed and the operating rods pulled back.

Figure 2 illustrates a type where the operating rod is held in place by a cap nut. The rod passes through a hole in the stopper. To remove the stopper, remove the cap nut and withdraw the operating rod.

Figure 3 is a variation of Figure 2 and fortunately, not often encountered. This requires removing the stopper control handle and the lever mechanism.

Each of the illustrations shows a height-adjusting screw. This is for the purpose of controlling the height to which the stopper is raised. Most screws will require a wrench for turning.

Outpatients' clinic

W.H.W. — Your problem is not ventilation of the walls but the type of caulking you are using around the windows. Try a butyl rubber caulk that remains pliable and does not crack out.

Mr. W.F.C. — I do not know where you can buy leaf guard for your gutters in your city. But you can make your own from 1/4 inch hardware cloth, which is available in any hardware store.

E.A.B. — Either you received a most unsatisfactory job of insulating the walls of your home with blown-in glass fiber insulation, or you are mistaken about the air circulation within the walls. It is impossible to have both.

Toilet trouble

Dear House Doctor: If I get very close to the toilet tank in my bathroom, I can hear a sound like water flowing, yet the water level in the tank is 1 inch below the top of the overflow pipe. I have closed the valve in the supply pipe and the noise stops. Do I really have a leak? — G.E.K.

A. You do have a leak and it is my guess that the stopper is not seating properly so that only a trickle of water is leaking into the bowl. You can check this by

Future plans call for renovation of a second-story room to allow expansion of the insurance offices.

putting some food coloring into the tank at night before you retire and see if any of the color is in the bowl the next morning.

400 attend Lee event

LEE — More than 400 persons trooped through the Lee Library at the grand opening of the building's new 5,000-square-foot addition Saturday afternoon.

The \$271,000 new wing, which triples the space of the library, was funded through a grant from the Economic Development Administration. Attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony was U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte, who along with U.S. Sen. Edward W. Brooke, was instrumental in landing the grant for the town. Also in attendance were state Rep. Dennis J. Duffin of Lenox, state Sen. John H. Fitzpatrick, R-Stockbridge, John H. Dolan, president of the library's board of directors, and local officials.

Librarian Elizabeth L. Dennis cut the ribbon. Miss Dennis was honored with the surprise unveiling of a plaque marking the 1,020-square-foot children's room. The plaque, which reads "The Betty Dennis Children's Room," was installed on a wall of the main stack area.

Larry Porter's Brass Ensemble played music in the children's room throughout the afternoon. Refreshments were served in the new lecture room, where an exhibit of paintings by South Lee artist Lester J. Clarke was on view.

The new wing, designed by Lenox architect Norman G.A. Day, was faced with marble from the same quarry that supplied stone for the original structure, built in 1908 for \$35,400. George E. Emer-



John S. Egan

DEDICATION of new wing at Lee Library Saturday drew well-wishers and readers of all ages. Librarian Elizabeth L. Dennis, in picture above, receives congratulations on the new facilities. The plaque behind her was a surprise that was unveiled at the dedication. Young readers, in picture below, make use of the new children's room.

son Inc. completed a \$238,292 general construction contract on the new wing about three weeks ago, when the entire library closed to allow library staff to

move books and prepare the new wing for opening.

The library resumed its regular schedule this morning.



Lee plans to resume Yule lights

LEE — The Chamber of Commerce will illuminate Main Street with Christmas lights for the first time in three years, Chamber President Richard Hommes told the Selectmen last night.

The Chamber has committed itself to raising about \$1,500 to pay for the installation of 19 lighted Christmas decorations along Main Street during the Christmas shopping season, Hommes said.

One of the 8-foot-tall decorations, shaped like Christmas trees, will be put on trial display Thursday. The decoration will remain on one of the Main Street light poles for about a week, while chamber members solicit donations to help defray the cost of renting the decorations.

First in Berkshires

"So you're going to see Lee as the first town in the Berkshires with Christmas decorations," Hommes joked to the Selectmen.

Hommes was at the meeting to ask permission to put up the sample decoration and to ask the Selectmen to commit \$300 appropriated by the annual town meeting for Christmas lights to the project. Hommes requested that the money be used to pay utility bills from the Christmas lights.

Selectmen enthusiastic

The Selectmen gave their enthusiastic approval to the requests.

Selectman Lena Bettega com-



John S. Egan
Richard Hommes

mended Hommes for the Chamber's renewed effort to light up Main Street during the Christmas season.

"Last year it was terrible," she said. "There was no Christmas spirit on Main Street."

A lack of funds barred the Chamber's use of the lights last year, Hommes said.

The Chamber voted last Wednesday to commit itself to renting lighted decorations for the next three years at an annual cost of about \$1,500, Hommes said. The decorations will be placed on poles along Main Street from the Town Park to Fraser's Exxon service station.

"At Wednesday's meeting, I asked what if we went in the hole \$500?" Hommes said. "Would the Chamber commit itself to paying the difference? Fifteen hands went up. When you get that kind of response, you can't lose."

Ski-area may appeal

speech from Boston in 1970, he taught at school in Pittsfield. He worked at the family's end of the 1970

of the year," he explained. "I was calling" nski is in charge of the large green-ides produce for its 183 and for whole-on and Hartford, the former Mar-children, Christ-Keith, 6.

EGREMONT — An attorney representing Shun Toll R residents here and in Hillsdale N.Y., said today he may appeal a decision by the Hillsdale Planning Board of Appeals last week to permit Edward M. Thyber to open a commercial cross-country ski operation on property situated at the end of Shun st Road.

James M. Lamme III of G of Barrington said he and he clients have not decided whether to appeal the sp to permit in Columbia County the preme Court, which they have im.

The proposed repair project involves re-anchoring each piece of wood in the steeple with brass screws, replacing any rotted or warped exterior pieces, covering the aprons below the belfry and wash tables with lead-coated copper flashing, and a complete scraping and repainting job.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission provides 50 percent matching grants for eligible projects on properties that are listed with the National Register of Historic Places. The 120-year-old church is listed as a historic building.

After a preliminary application for the matching grant was submitted, the commission June invited the church to make a full application for a matching grant.



LEE CONGREGATIONAL church has received a \$27,000 matching grant for repair of 195-foot steeple.

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Lee's Morgan House to close

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and continue to spend as much time as possible there, she said.

An advertisement announcing the sale of the Morgan House appeared in an edition of the Wall Street Journal last week. Mrs. Cole said she has had several calls in response.

The inn was built in the early 1800s as a private residence by William Potter, who moved to Lee in 1817. He lived in it until 1853, when Edwin Morgan purchased it and converted the structure to a stagecoach inn.

Rossi's Restaurant is closing around Dec. 1 for a period of three to four months, according to Edward A. Rossi.

The reason for the first-ever seasonal closing is that "business slacks off so much in winter, we just couldn't keep it open."

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The rising cost of utilities and a corresponding slowdown in business from regular customers was also a factor in the decision, Rossi said.

"Local people are staying home more

and persons who might stop by two or three times a week can't afford to," he said.

The Victoria Restaurant, which opened this summer, is closing Jan. 15 only because its seasonal all-alcoholic beverage license expires then, according to Louis D. Schroeter, who owns the building in which the restaurant is located. The all-alcoholic license runs from April 1 to Jan. 15.

"The way it stands now, it has to close," he said. "If the town will give me a year-round license, the restaurant will stay open."

Library trustees OK employee pay increases

Pay hikes for all library employees, from head librarian Robert G. Newman to five student clerks, were approved yesterday at a special meeting of the trustees of the Berkshire Athenaeum.

The City Council will have the

final say on the new pay scales.

Thomas F. Plunkett Jr., chairman of the trustees, said the raises have already won backing from Mayor Paul E. Brindle III and Nicholas J. Sarro, city auditor. Newman told the trustees the Council is expected to act on

the proposal April 24.

If the Council concurs, Newman's salary for fiscal 1980 will rise \$1,805 to \$18,862. His assistant, Larry Price, will get an \$1,820 raise to \$15,610.

Varying raises, depending on seniority or merit ratings, will

be granted to the rest of the library's 42 full-time and part-time workers.

Newman told the trustees that present library pay rates are "below (those of) city employees in comparable positions," and that he had notified the city Personnel Review Board last September that "this situation makes it difficult to retain qualified persons on the staff and to attract qualified applicants to fill vacancies."

And, Price warned, if library employees do not receive "fair and equitable compensation," they may join a union — a move, he said, that has become a nationwide trend in libraries.

Even with the higher pay scales, according to figures prepared and distributed to the trustees by Price, Pittsfield will pay less to upper level workers than the average top pay rates at 10 libraries in the state that serve cities comparable to Pittsfield in population.

And in some cases, Price said, the pay scales will still be about one step below those of other city employees judged by Newman and Price to carry out comparable responsibilities. "We didn't want to produce an undue financial shock to the city," Price said.



HEARING EXPLANATION of tax rate from Lee Assessors' Chairman William F. Derrick, second from left, are from left to right, Assessors John E. Lor-

ing and John J. Nagle and board secretary Elizabeth Larrivee. About 25 persons attended the informational meeting, held last night at Lee Library.

5 percent Lee tax-rate rise seen even with budget, wage limits

By John S. Egan

LEE — The local tax rate could increase almost \$3 per thousand next year, even if local department heads hold the line on non-salary expenditures and limit salary increases to only 5 percent, Selectman John E. DeVarenes predicted last night at an informational meeting sponsored by the Board of Assessors.

The current rate is \$46 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, up \$1 per thousand from the year before. A 5 percent increase on the current would be \$2.30 for a total rate of \$48.30.

"We're going to ask all departments and boards not to exceed what they spent last year in everything but wages, and in wages, to hold the increase to 5 percent," DeVarenes said.

"Now even if we do that," he continued, "and the state reimbursement stays the same, the tax rate would increase almost 5 percent, or about \$3, regardless of what we do."

The Selectmen are asking boards to hold down non-salary spending, DeVarenes said, because "under the laws of collective bargaining in this state, if you settle for a wage hike of 7 percent, then your budget is going to go up almost that much." Eighty percent of the town's expenditures are for wages, he said.

Last night's meeting was set up by the Assessors to discuss the relation between state reimbursement and the tax rate with such local officials as the Selectmen, the Department of Public Works board, the School Committee and the Finance Committee. About 25 persons attended the 1½ hour meeting.

This year the town has a total gross budget of \$4,761,543, according to a tax rate recapitulation sheet passed out at the meeting. The town is committed to raise \$2,840,214 through personal property and real estate taxation. Estimated receipts make up the remainder of the gross budget, or \$1,921,329. State reimbursement will provide

\$846,594 of the estimated receipts this year, an increase of \$116,000 over the previous year's reimbursement.

School reimbursement

"A lot of money comes back from the schools," said Assessors' Chairman William F. Derrick. "About \$600,000 of the \$800,000 reimbursement we get back from the state is because of the schools."

The School Department budget, this year \$2,341,173, is the largest single part of the town's gross budget. Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger said that the town received the \$600,000 in reimbursement because it has its own school district. A regional school district would receive the reimburse-

Lee Toy Fund has goal of \$2,500

LEE — The Lee Toy Fund yesterday received \$27 in donations.

Today's receipts bring the fund total to \$47. The toy fund, which distributes gifts to children age 12 years and under whose parents have experienced financial difficulty, this year has a goal of \$2,500, according to Paul R. Collins, probation officer for Lee District Court.

An additional \$2,453 is needed to reach the goal.

Donations and requests for toys may be made to Edward J. Laliberte, in care of the District Court in the Town Hall.

Today's listing:

Merry Christmas to all our friends from Fran and Bob	\$5
Merry Christmas to our granddaughter, from Charles and Cora Elsensohn	2
In memory of Mary Quinlivan O'Brien from John M. O'Brien	\$10
James D. and Helen Brown	10
Today's total	\$27
Total to date	\$47
Needed to reach goal	\$2,453

ment directly from the state, he said.

Some of the town's expenditures don't show up in the annual town meeting warrant, Assessor John E. Loring said. Besides bond issues that the town already has committed itself to, taxpayers must bear the cost of certain state and county programs, without any year-to-year vote on specific programs.

"We paid \$10,000 last year to the state for mosquito control," Loring said. "There was \$500 for air pollution control."

"I thought the town meeting had to vote on all appropriations," said Annette Gordon, chairman of town meeting district 4. "How could there be a bill we do not vote on?"

State law requires the town to pay for state-mandated programs, Loring explained. And a prior town meeting vote, such as a vote to join the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority, binds the town to pay a yearly assessment without an annual approval of the assessment.

"The Transit Authority was only supposed to cost us \$2,000 a year when it was sold to us," said Derrick. "It's now up to \$12,000." The town pays the yearly assessment, because it is a member of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority, Derrick explained.

Revaluation

DeVarenes asked the Assessors whether there was any way to keep the town's valuation equitable without going through a complete revaluation.

"I don't understand what the state is saying," DeVarenes said. "With the way that the prices of houses are inflating each year, if we reassess now, in another 10 years we'll be out of line again. So the state seems to be saying we should spend the \$50,000 to reassess now so that in another 10 years we can be out of line again."

Derrick said that the Assessors revalue any house that is sold at about 80 percent of the sale price. The valuation of other houses remains at a given

assessment until a general revaluation.

District 6 representative John D. Glomb asked whether the town could forgo the need for a periodic revaluation if the Assessors increased the value of all houses in town by a fixed percentage each year.

"You can do that so many times," said Loring, "but eventually you run out. There are improvements and changes in value. It's hard to keep up with value without going into the houses every so often."

Derrick said that the average homeowner's tax bill had not increased as fast as inflation.

Lee boards agree on 5% wage hike

LEE — The Lee Selectmen and the Finance Committee agreed last night to send out a joint memo recommending that all town departments hold next year's salary and benefit increases to a total of 5 percent.

"We're talking about 5 percent for wages, Blue Cross, vacations, holidays and everything else," said Selectman John E. DeVarenes.

The resolution followed a discussion of policy on next year's budgets, which town departments are now starting to put together.

Finance Committee member Garth E. Story Jr. asked the Selectmen what the board was recommending on salary increases. Last year most town department employees received a total increase of 7 percent.

Story asked, "Should we try to hold budgets to some kind of line? If someone comes in with a budget over a certain amount, are we going to ask them to justify it?"

Committee member Charles M. Tacy questioned whether any increase in the town's budget was necessary.

"Is it necessary to raise the rate every year?" he asked. "Where is the fat in the budgets? Streetlights are one possible area."

Streetlights

Streetlights, Tacy said, cost the town "about \$1 per thousand on the tax rate."

"We asked for a review of the street lighting for each of the past several years," he said to Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy. "But nothing's ever come of it. I'm not saying we should do away with lights, but we could look at ways of saving some money."

The Selectmen and the Finance Committee also discussed the establishment of job descriptions and the creation of "job families" to help standardize



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Steven Iacuessa
Too late

pay scales for jobs which are now similar in responsibility but vary widely in salary.

"We've been discussing with other boards the evaluation of certain jobs in town," said Murphy. "Some jobs seem to be underpaid."

Murphy said that the Selectmen urged all boards to hold down salary increases. "The president has recommended a ceiling on wages," he said. "We should go along with this idea."

A finance Committee Chairman Steven Iacuessa said "it may be too late" to set up job criteria "for this year's budgets, but it may be effective for the following year. You'll never make fiscal 1980."

Partners to buy Lee site for insulated glass business

By John S. Egan

LEE — The head of the Martino Glass Co. of Pittsfield and a Dalton contractor last night disclosed plans to buy two vacant buildings on property near the intersection of Route 102 and the Massachusetts Turnpike and establish an insulated glass fabrication business there.

John A. Martino of Lenox, president of Martino Glass Co. Inc. at 122 Tyler St., and contractor A.J. Schnopp Jr. of Dalton last night told the Selectmen they are setting up an insulated glass business on land owned by the RUR Realty Trust. The business, Martino said, would employ between five and seven persons. Martino's Pittsfield firm employs six.

The tract is located near the intersection of Route 102 and Pleasant Street and bounded by the Massachusetts Turnpike and

the Housatonic River. The property includes a brick building, which was once the Berkshire Street Railway Co.'s car barn, and a 21,000-square-foot warehouse, which was built in the 1960s and recently has been leased for storage.

Purchase tomorrow

Martino said that he expects to meet with representatives from RUR Realty, which is now in receivership, and close the sale of the property tomorrow.

The tract and buildings will be purchased by Maropp Realty Trust, a corporation that is jointly owned by Martino and Schnopp. Plans call for the construction of a wall in the large warehouse to create a 14,000-square-foot warehouse space and a 7,000-square-foot space for manufacturing, Martino said.

The insulated glass fabrication

business will be called Insul-Therm Inc., Martino said.

"Basically we're going to store plate glass and cut it down to make insulated glass," said Martino. Comparing the product to Thermopane, he explained the insulated glass would be composed of two sheets of glass with an air space in between. Martino intends to market the product throughout the New England area.

Start-up date for the project is scheduled for mid-July.

Schnopp said the tract's location close to Lee entrance to the Massachusetts Turnpike is "very adequate for our type of industry."

The Selectmen welcomed the new business to town. The board scheduled a hearing date of April 23 at 7:30 p.m. for the new company's application for a 25,000-gallon storage permit for gasoline and diesel fuel.



John S. Egan

LISTENING to comments on Washington Mountain Brook Watershed project at a meeting at Lee Town Hall is Richard E. Kendall, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Management, center. To Kendall's left is Meegan Jones, an assistant, and on the right, Catherine Farrell, department attorney. The meeting between state, federal and local project sponsors was yesterday.

Lee, state, federal officials find accord on watershed proposal

LEE — A meeting yesterday between local, state and federal sponsors of the Washington Mountain Brook Watershed project answered the question of whether Lee officials are interested in committing the town to the \$1.229 million expense of piping and buying additional water rights from the project, Richard E. Kendall, commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) said.

On the other hand, the question of a proposed trade-off of the town-owned Finnerly Pond to the state Department of Forests and Parks in return for water rights to the proposed Schoolhouse Lake impoundment will have to be studied carefully, Kendall said.

The meeting was held to discuss the version of the Washington Mountain Brook project which emphasizes water supply over recreational and flood control benefits. That version was included in an environmental impact statement that is currently being reviewed by the Water Resources Commission (WRC) and the DEM, state sponsors, and the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) the federal sponsor.

Last month the Lee Selectmen sent a letter to the WRC, the SCS and the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs endorsing the alternative version of the project which increases water supply to meet Lee's projected water needs to the year 2020. That version would supply Lee with an additional 1.70 million gallons daily and includes an extra supply of 750,000 gallons daily that could be sold to Lenox.

The total daily yield of 2.45 million gallons would come from October Mountain Lake and Schoolhouse Lake. As the project was originally envisioned, Lee would receive about .5 million gallons daily during non-summer months from October Mountain Lake in return for giving up water rights to Washington Mountain Brook. In the version of the project that the Selectmen have endorsed, the town would receive a year-round yield of .88 million gallons daily from October Mountain Lake and 1.77 million gallons daily from Schoolhouse Lake.

ber Mountain lakes to the town's reservoir.

The \$1.229 million expense would be funded by increasing the local water bills by \$20 over the next 25 years, Scolforo said. The average bill is now about \$40 a year. When Kendall pointed out that treatment of the water might be necessary, Scolforo said voters, who would have to approve the funding scheme, would also be told that the construction of a \$3 million treatment plant might be necessary.

Kendall inferred there might be problems with the proposal to use Schoolhouse Lake for water supply because it would result in a loss of recreational benefits, not only on the lake itself, but also in the surrounding 2,000 acre watershed, which is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Forests and Parks.

"Now Schoolhouse is being considered for total water use and not just flood control and recreation," Kendall said. "The DEM is a sponsor of the project. Within the department are the WRC and the Department of Forests and Parks. The sponsorship of the DEM requires that we look very carefully at the effect of the proposed shift of em-

phasis on state land which has been dedicated to the Department of Forests and Parks."

In response to a town proposal to give the state Finnerly Pond in return for water rights to Schoolhouse Lake, Kendall commented, "Our concern is that Finnerly Pond has a water area of 20 acres and a watershed of about 100 acres. The town of Lee has had a hands-off attitude on recreation in the watershed. The Schoolhouse Lake has a watershed of about 2,000 acres. We have to clarify what part of the Schoolhouse watershed the town of Lee would want to restrict if the lake were used for water supply."

Kendall said that the timetable for public review of the environmental impact statement on the project would soon be released from the office of Secretary of Environmental Affairs Evelyn F. Murphy. Douglas Poland, district superintendent for Forests and Parks, said that his department would meet with Lee officials next week to discuss what the town's requirements for recreational restrictions at Schoolhouse Lake might be.

Department of Public Works Superintendent J. Peter Scolforo told Kendall, Philip Christensen of the SCS and other officials at yesterday's meeting that the town had devised a plan to pay the \$547,000 expense of buying additional water rights and raising the height of the dam at Schoolhouse Lake and the \$682,000 cost of building a pipeline from Schoolhouse and Octo-



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LEE GRAVEL operation is proposed by Philip Scalise, left, to the Lee Zoning Board of Appeals. Scalise was representing Petricca Construction Co., which

wants to start excavation on Cape Street property. ZBA members are, from left to right, Roberta Pollard, Raymond Benton, Peter Biasin and William Manion.

Cape Street gravel bed opposed

By John S. Egan

LEE — Five Cape Street (Route 20 in East Lee) residents and Planning Board member Dana P. LaDuke expressed strong opposition at a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) hearing last night to the Petricca Construction Co.'s plans to start a gravel excavation operation on Cape Street.

The hearing was prompted by a request from Basil A. Petricca of Pittsfield for a special permit to remove sand and stone from 15 acres of a 300-acre tract of land that he owns on Cape Street between the bridge that carries Route 20 over the Massachusetts Turnpike, and North Becket Road. The property is in a zone in which gravel excavation may be allowed by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Last April several Cape Street residents revealed to the Selectmen that Petricca Construction Co. equipment had been used to cut a road into the property and to remove stumps of trees that had been cleared from the site. The Selectmen on April 7 sent Petricca a letter calling a halt to the work.

"Our plans are to excavate about 15 acres from Cape Street up to a powerline," said Philip Scalise, who was representing Petricca. "We would maintain a 20-foot undisturbed strip along the boundaries and a 2-1 grade. We intend to leave the ridge along Cape Street intact, as a screen until all other excavation is completed. The ridge would be the last thing we excavate."

In response to a question from ZBA associate member Raymond H. Benton, Scalise said that the gravel bed would be excavated "on an intermittent basis, as we obtain sewer projects in the area. I

anticipate it would take four to five years, perhaps as many as seven years."

Thomas Sagendorph, whose house lies close to the Petricca property criticized the proposed operation because of the dust it would create.

"What happens to all the dust?" he asked. "This is going to be a problem. My son suffers from asthma. A screen of trees won't help much. He's going to get it. That's why I'm asking that this not go through."

Mrs. Joseph R. Lawrence, an abutter, added that dust would aggravate her hay fever.

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Scalise replied that he sympathized with Sagendorph's objection because he also has a child who has asthma. "The only thing I can say is that the area will be seeded and cleared as we go. Calcium will be put on the road when dust is a problem. If it is a problem, maybe a special condition should be put on the permit."

LaDuke objected to the proposed 2-1 grade for the operation.

"You've got a 10 percent grade there now and you're talking about changing the slope to a 50 percent grade," he said. Referring to a gravel operation on property owned by Charles Millard, he criticized, "You're talking about the same kind of scar on the land that you can see from the turnpike."

Scalise protested that such grading would not result in a "cliff." "All I'm looking for is to grade the main slope of the land at 2-1. It's not a cliff as such. It's more like the slope on an off-ramp of the turnpike. It's not a scarred banking. It would be in that condition during excava-

tion, but after we're finished it would be seeded and mulched."

Challenging Scalise's contention that a 50 percent slope could be seeded, LaDuke asked the ZBA to attach a provision to any permit it might grant specifying that the slope be returned to its original 10 percent grade after excavation.

LaDuke also asked for several other provisions — that the trees along Cape Street be allowed to stand to a depth of 50 feet, that no construction materials be buried at the site, that the roads be treated with calcium, that the duration of the permit be no longer than one year, and that the proposed entrance off Cape Street be moved.

"It's going to be a hell of an eyesore and Lee doesn't need another eyesore," LaDuke said.

Scalise responded that he agreed "with all LaDuke's provisions except one — that we not exceed a 10 percent grade. If we can't exceed 10 percent then it's not worth it to start."

Benton pointed out that Petricca might have problems getting permission from the state to build an entrance to Cape Street because of a 500-foot visibility requirement for entrances on state-owned roads.

Mrs. Sagendorph said she wondered if "an environmental impact statement ought to be taken for an operation this large." She asked the ZBA not to grant the permit, because "we've already got an example of what Petricca did in Dalton," referring to gravel excavation on property leased by General Sand and Stone, a Petricca subsidiary.

The ZBA took the appeal for the permit to start gravel excavation under advisement.



William Murphy
Selectman



John Dolan
School Committee



Mary Ellen McDonald
School Committee



John Loring
Assessor

Lee re-elects Murphy selectman by 1-vote margin over Sullivan

LEE — Incumbent Selectman William M. Murphy won re-election by a single vote over challenger Daniel R. Sullivan here yesterday. Former Selectman Joseph J. Castronova trailed the leader by only 10 votes.

Murphy received 445 votes, Sullivan received 444 and Castronova 435.

Sullivan could not be reached for comment last night on whether he would ask for a recount.

Some 1,324 voters cast ballots. That is 40 percent of the town's 3,230 registered voters. The turnout was less than last year's annual election showing of 1,492. Last year's heavy turnout was triggered by a referendum question on a possible Route 20 bypass.

Assistant Town Clerk Rena B. McCusker supervised voting and

ballot-counting in the absence of Town Clerk John J. Nagle, who had been taken to the Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield after suffering an apparent heart attack Sunday.

Nagle, who was re-elected to three-year terms as town clerk and town treasurer, was reported by the hospital yesterday to be in stable condition in the intensive care unit.

In one of the Lee contests, Republican candidate and political newcomer Mary Ellen McDonald outpolled the two incumbent School Committee members to gain one of two available three-year seats on the School Committee. She received 781 votes.

John H. Dolan was re-elected to the other available School Committee seat, receiving 640 votes. Joseph F. Puleri garnered

580 votes, losing his bid for a second three-year seat on the committee.

Incumbent Assessor John E. Loring won another three-year term in office, defeating Republican challenger John J. McDonald, Mary Ellen's husband, 772 to 462.

In the race for four posts of constable to be filled, James L. Burns Jr., Edward J. Driscoll, Richard Hommes and Puleri were top vote-getters.

The results:

Moderator
(Elect 1, 1 yr.)

Joseph M. Toole 990

Selectman
(Elect 1, 3 yrs.)

William M. Murphy* 445

Daniel R. Sullivan 444

Joseph J. Castronova 435

Town clerk
(Elect 1, 3 yrs.)

John J. Nagle* 1,149

Town treasurer
(Elect 1, 3 yrs.)

John J. Nagle* 1,101

Assessor
(Elect 1, 3 yrs.)

John E. Loring* 712

John J. McDonald 462

School Committee
(Elect 2, 3 yrs.)

Mary Ellen McDonald 781

John H. Dolan 640

Joseph F. Puleri 580

Planning Board
(Elect 1, 5 yrs.)

William B. Navin 968

Board of Health
(Elect 1, 3 yrs.)

James L. Burns Jr. 1,002

Housing Authority
(Elect 1, 4 yrs.)

Thomas R. Garrity 759

Housing Authority
(Elect 1, 3 yrs.)

James F. Birge 820

Constable
(Elect 4, 3 yrs.)

Edward J. Driscoll 809

James L. Burns Jr. 813

Richard Hommes 738

Joseph F. Puleri 563

Burt Elliott 449

Representatives

District 1
(Elect 3, 3 yrs.)

Elmer V. Forrest 102

Henry Greiner 107

Elizabeth M. Leahey 119

District 1
(Elect 1, 2 yrs.)

Leo Finch 107

District 1
(Elect 1, 1 yr.)

Joseph J. Castronova 131

District 2
(Elect 3, 3 yrs.)

John E. Blache 161

John J. Burns 141

Helen Diamond 1

District 3
(Elect 3, 3 yrs.)

George Allen 102

Paul P. Polastri 129

James P. Powers 151

District 4
(Elect 3, 3 yrs.)

Frank P. Consolati 199

Annette Gordon 173

Ruth E. Tacy 159

District 5
(Elect 3, 3 yrs.)

Frank Kelly 169

William B. Navin 144

Michael D. Scoloro 152

Henry Piekos 79

District 6
(Elect 3, 3 yrs.)

Francis D. Foley 120

John T. Kelly 167

* Denotes incumbent.

'Lee Sale-bration' eaters may join Brook

LEE — Local service clubs and merchants will host the first "Lee Sale-bration" Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Lee Chamber of Commerce, Tri-Town Rotary Club, Lee Arts Center and other organizations are prime sponsors.

Cantor's program to be on 'shtetl' life

GREAT BARRINGTON — Cantor Norman P. Swerling will appear in "The World of the Shtetl," a one-man show, Monday, Aug. 27, at 8 p.m. at the Eisner Institute for Living Judaism on Brookside Road. The performance is sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire.

The program consists of sketches depicting various aspects of traditional Jewish life.

Cantor Swerling is a graduate of Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion and has studied theater at Boston College and Tufts University.

There is a \$2 admission charge for non-members.

A clambake will kick off events at noon Friday in the Morgan Alley, next to the Morgan House.

The Tri-Town Rotary Club will sponsor an auction under a tent in the Tru-Value Tire Co. parking lot on Friday at 6:30 p.m. The preview will be at 5:30 p.m. Louis Caropreso will be auctioneer.

A performer on a calliope will roam the downtown area between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Friday. Helium balloons will be on display at the Price Chopper parking lot between 3 and 8 p.m. The Berkshire Theater Festival will sponsor skits and puppeteers in the afternoon. The East-over Mayflower float will be stationed at Park Plaza.

On Saturday, the Rotary Club will sponsor a tag sale from 8 a.m. to noon and a beerfest and wine festival from 2 to 10 p.m. in the Tru-Value Tire Co. parking lot. German and Italian food and beverages will be featured.

Dixieland band

A Dixieland band will rove the downtown area. The First Congregational Church, St. Mary's

the aquifer of Housatonic River water and whether the aquifer contains unacceptable levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

"I think moving ahead with the project is not a wise use of taxpayers' money, at least before they've answered questions about groundwater quality," Burg, who is naturalist in residence at Canoe Meadows in Pittsfield, said Tuesday. "The only tests done so far that were at all scientific showed more PCBs in surface water than

Lee native indicted in Washington

LEE — Former Lee resident Martin H. Donahoe has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Washington, D.C., on charges he tried to extort \$2 million from a Washington shipping broker.

A 10-count indictment alleges that Donahoe, a Georgetown University graduate, caused several extortionate phone calls to be made to Washington shipping broker Harry J. Smith. Donahoe worked for Smith between 1974 and 1977.

Donahoe, the son of Mrs. Charles J. Donahoe of Fairview Street and the late Charles J. Donahoe, is believed to be living in France.

According to an Oct. 3 story on the indictments in The Washington Post, Donahoe allegedly threatened to harm his former employer's reputation by planting newspaper stories that the shipping broker had "advanced his own business interests by bribing foreign officials."

The Washington Post printed a story on Feb. 12, 1979, that said Smith's firm, St. John International, had directed Jamaica's grain shipping business to another firm in which Smith had financial interest.

\$900,000 profit

The second firm, Agrobulk Shipping Corp., made a \$900,000 profit in 1975, according to documents cited in the story, apparently by hiring others to ship the grain for less than the Jamaican government paid Agrobulk.

After the article appeared in the newspaper, Jamaica dropped Smith as a shipping broker and started an investigation of their country's shipping program.

When contacted by the Post in February for a reply, Smith's attorney, Seymour Glazer, did not dispute the thrust of the article about his client's dealings with Jamaica. The attorney charged, however, that the Post, in printing the story on Smith's business dealings, had been "unwittingly used" by Donahoe and by Charles B. Dwyer, a Georgetown University classmate.

Dwyer was arrested by the FBI in February on charges that he had tried to extort funds from Smith. He pleaded guilty in July to the charges and has since been cooperating in the case against Donahoe.

Donahoe reportedly left the country. Justice Department attorneys last week said they have not located him, but hope to find him and start extradition proceedings.

Donahoe's uncle, attorney Henry M. Donahoe of Lee, said last night he was unaware of the indictment of his nephew and did not know where he now resides. The defendant's mother, Mrs. Charles J. Donahoe, last night declined to comment on the matter.

Lee considers veracity of school marks

By John S. Egan

LEE — School Committee member John H. Dolan charged last night that Lee High School grading standards are too weak since none of the 54 students who took the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) verbal test had received lower than a C grade in English classes.

While most Lee High students with averages of A or B in English scored above the Massachusetts average of 429, 10 students with C averages scored below the 429 average, Dolan said at a special School Committee meeting last night.

"I feel our grading standards are too weak," Dolan said. "We don't even have a D student out of the 54 (who took the test). The lowest average was a 72. Yet many students fell below the state average on the SAT verbal scores."

Administrators rebutted charges of lax grading standards.

Guidance Director William Bourdon pointed out that the average score by the Lee High School seniors on the mathematics portion of the SAT was 495, 30 points higher than the Massachusetts average. The average score by a Lee High School senior on the verbal portion of the SAT was 434, five points higher than the state average.

"We're only talking about 14 students with C averages in English who took the SATs," said Bourdon. He said the scor-



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DEBATING relationship between Scholastic Aptitude Test scores and Lee High School student grade averages are School Committee member John H. Dolan, left, and Lee High School Guidance Director William Bourdon, at right.

ing range for an "average student" was much greater than the single mark of 429.

"Four hundred and twenty-nine is only the middle of the scale," said Bourdon. "The standard deviation on the verbal is 110. If you go 110 points on ei-

ther side of 429, you will encompass 68 percent of all the students who took the test. Those would all be considered average scores."

Lee High School Principal Robert Lucy said that there were both college-bound and non-college-bound Lee students among those who took the SATs.

"We could really play numbers games," he said. "We could discourage the kids with low grade averages from taking the SATs. The test averages would rise. This would look pretty darn good. But as admin-

istrators, our philosophy is that every kid deserves a chance to take the test."

Performance on SAT verbal tests could not simply be correlated to performance in English classes, curriculum Director Michael B. Ronan said, since students work with word-skills and read in every class.

"The verbal is a test on the comparison of words," said Bourdon. "You'll find that the kids who do a lot of outside reading will score the highest, and the kids who go home and

tube will not."

Bourdon also said Dolan failed to take into account the fact that the group that took the SAT verbal tests included students in practical English classes as well as those in college-preparatory classes. A student might receive high grades in practical English, yet not fare as well in comparison with other students on the SATs, Bourdon said.

"I still think there should be a correlation between a student's grade average and his aptitude, where he fails on the test," said Dolan. "I would prefer more students to be above the mark than below it."

School Committee Chairman Marguerite M. Tristany, the head of nursing at Fairview Hospital, downplayed the importance of the SATs.

"The one- or two-day tests are not a good indicator of ability to me," she said. "All you have to do is have a headache and there goes the score. I have seen many excellent students fail a one-day or two-day test like this."

Lee mass f

Area church services



Julie Michaels

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHAPEL in East Lee was remodeled and converted into a private home in 1941. It was built in 1892.

Lee church board mum on sale offer

LEE — The administrative board of the First United Methodist Church on High Street met last night to discuss whether the church should be sold to the town, but decided not to make its recommendations public.

The Rev. Robert Brightman, pastor, said the board's decision would be made known within the next several weeks. Any action

by the board would have to be approved by the congregation at the annual church meeting in April.

The board chairman of the church trustees had written to the Board of Selectmen last October asking if the town would be interested in purchasing the property if the church wanted to sell it.

The 80-year-old church, which is in need of repair, has a congregation of only 20 or 30 members. It is part of the Housatonic Valley Cooperative Parish, which also includes Great Barrington, Housatonic and Alford.

Mr. Brightman said Tuesday morning, however, that the church was not for sale at this time.

The Lee Education Association has urged the town to purchase the church and the surrounding property for use as additional parking spaces for Central School and for increased playground space.

Lee Library closed Monday

LEE — The Lee Library will be closed Monday for Martin Luther King Day, Librarian Elizabeth L. Dennis announced.

The weekly story hour for preschool children will resume Tuesday morning at 10:30, Miss Dennis said.

6 oz. Nyquil \$1.59. McClelland-Rexall, Main St. — Adv.

Leash law resumed in Lee

LEE — The Selectmen voted to put the town's leash law into effect for the next five months last night after a short hearing.

None of the 10 persons who attended the hearing expressed any objection to the reinstitution of the leash law, which traditionally is in effect in summer.

The law, which takes effect this morning, means that dogs either must be leashed at all times, or otherwise restrained when outdoors.

The public hearing was the result of recent complaints about an increase in the number of dogs wandering around town and in biting incidents.

Selectman John E. DeVarenes noted that the leash law is stronger than a restraining law for dogs.

"The trouble with a restraining law is that it depends on the interpretation of control by the master," he said. "If the dog is one-half block down the street and the master whistles and the dog comes, then he's restrained."

The leash law "makes it easier" for dog officer Francis Clark to pick up a dog. "If the dog is on someone else's property, then there's no question," DeVarenes said.

\$7 pickup fee

Clark said that there is a \$7 pickup fee and a \$2 per-day kennel fee for all impounded dogs.

The Selectmen pointed out that dogs being used for hunting are not bound by the leash law and that the law is designed to help the dog officer pick up the animal that persistently bothers neighbors.

"All dogs won't be picked up," said DeVarenes. "It's only when there's a complaint, that the dog gets picked up."



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LEE SCHOLARS, from left, are Marilyn Szewczak, Christopher J. Airoidi and Michael A. Lehmann. The three have been named as speakers at Lee High School graduation exercises.

Lee High names 3 students to speak at commencement

LEE — Lee High School seniors Christopher J. Airoidi, Michael A. Lehmann and Marilyn Szewczak have been named graduation speakers at the high school's commencement exercises at the Tanglewood Shed June 9 at 2 p.m.

The trio are the three top-ranked students in the senior class.

Airoidi, the valedictorian, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Airoidi of 21 Leonard Ave. A three-year member of the quiz team, Airoidi has a 96.96 grade average over four years. He played right wing on the soccer team and is lead-off batter on the varsity baseball team.

A member of the French Club, he won the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's medal for science and mathematics. He plans to attend Rensselaer and major in chemical engineering.

Lehmann, the son of Mrs. Michael Lehmann of 53 St. James

Ave., is the class salutatorian. The editor of the high school literary magazine, "The Lee-Flet," Lehmann was one of 24

Rotary Club to honor Lee librarian

LEE — Lee Librarian Elizabeth L. Dennis will be honored with the Tri-Town Rotary Club's Distinguished Community Service award tomorrow at noon at the East Lee Steak House.

Miss Dennis has been associated with the Lee Library since 1935 and has been head librarian since 1942. In November 1978, she was honored by the dedication to her of the new children's room in the library.

In addition to her work at the Library, Miss Dennis is involved with community and church groups.

"The purpose of this award is to recognize exceptional community contributions by a resident of the Tri-towns (Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge)," Tri-Town Rotary President Edward J. Cristiano said. "Miss Dennis so rightly deserves the award for the commitment she has made to the children of the area and the expansion of their horizons, plus her relentless efforts in establishing the library as a community focal point in Lee."

Mrs. Florence Consolati, author of "See All the People," will present the award to Miss Dennis.

The public is invited to the awards luncheon, Cristiano said. Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased at the door.

Lee Library re-elects Dolan as president

LEE — The Lee Library Association re-elected John H. Dolan of Devon Road as president at the annual meeting last week.

Richard T. Salinetti was elected vice president; Francis G. Fanning was re-elected treasurer and Mrs. Tracy B. Ambler was re-elected clerk. Thomas F. Cinella was re-elected to the board of directors.

Newly elected directors for three-year terms are Mrs. Martin H. Deely, Mrs. John Mathews and Mrs. J. Peter Scolforo.

'Steeple People' raffle 6/4/79

'37 Buick to benefit church

LEE — A committee interested in saving the steeple of the First Congregational Church will raffle off a 1937 Buick sedan to raise funds for the steeple restoration project.

The Steeple People Committee, a non-denominational civic group, was formed this spring to help the church come up with its share of the \$59,550 restoration project.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission awarded the church a \$27,000 matching grant for the project. The local commitment is \$32,550.

The 195-foot steeple, acknowledged as one of the tallest in New England and the most slender for its height, has lost many pieces of exterior sheathing over the years. A complete restoration is expected to take place this summer.

'Community responsibility'

The automobile raffle is one of many parts of the fund-raising effort, according to Joseph M. Toole of Main Street, a committee chairman. The other chairmen are Daniel R. Sullivan of Stockbridge Road and Dorothy Perkins of Devon Road.

The committee is composed of non-parishioners, as well as parishioners, of the 120-year-old church.

"The preservation of the steeple is a community responsibility, we feel," Toole said. The committee will solicit donations from many segments of the community, including industry.

The 1937 Buick, a four-door sedan with a "straight-eight" eight-cylinder engine, had 25,461 miles on the odometer yesterday. It was donated to the fund-raising effort by Miss Mira K. Parsons of Lenox.

On view Saturdays

It will be on display outside the church every Saturday through the summer, weather permitting.

Purchased from the former Springfield Buick Co., now Hauser Buick, the 42-year-old automobile contains the original driver's manual and is in running condition.



John S. Egan

VINTAGE BUICK is shown in front of First Congregational Church of Lee. Funds from raffle of car will go toward a \$60,000 restoration of the church's 195-foot steeple.

Raffle tickets, which are \$5 each, will go on sale within the next two weeks, Sullivan said. There will be 2,500 tickets printed. The drawing will be held Labor Day. Tickets will be available at the Chamber of Commerce information booth on Main Street or from committee members.

Enser quits Lee conservation unit, cites conflict

By John S. Egan

LEE — William S. Enser Jr., a member of the Lee Conservation Commission for the past two years, has submitted his resignation from the commission in order to avoid a possible conflict of interest.

Enser has been made director of Berkshire Environmental Laboratories, a consulting firm which this winter prepared grant applications for the towns of Lee and Lenox for a five-year weed control program at Laurel Lake and for the Berkshire Environmental Laboratories for a

five-year weed control project at Pontoosuc Lake.

The state Department of Environmental Quality Engineering in May announced the awarding of \$13,650 for the Laurel Lake project and \$40,500 for the Pontoosuc Lake project. The awards provide 75 percent of the first-year costs of the programs.

"Now as director of Berkshire Environmental Laboratories, I feel that it is necessary that I resign as a Lee Conservation Commissioner in order to eliminate any possible problems which might arise, for I may be

part owner of the firm in the near future," Enser wrote the Selectmen.

No action taken

Enser said he was "looking forward to serving the town not only as a private consultant but also on any board which will not be in conflict with my professional occupation."

The Selectmen Monday, however, took no action on Enser's request, after Conservation Commission Chairman William F. Powers told the board he wanted to investigate whether Enser might be able to remain on the board as a non-voting member.

Enser said yesterday that his presence on the Conservation Commission and his employment by the consulting firm "itself is not illegal but it would be if I became a partner in the firm."

When Enser joined Berkshire Environmental Laboratories in the winter, he was already at work on the town's application for state funding for the weed control project. He had spent the previous year working as a technician in the Tri-Town Health



William S. Enser

Laboratory under a Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) program and developing a lake management program for the town.

Enser, an expert on lake eutrophication, said he has "abstained at all times from voting on anything" related to Berkshire Environmental Laboratories.

Because the grant application had already been started by Enser and because of time limitations, the Conservation Commission never took a formal vote to use the services of Berkshire Environmental Laboratories for the lake study and grant application, Enser said.

The towns of Lee and Lenox paid \$1,300 each to Berkshire Environmental Laboratories for the application.

Since the weed control project is a five-year proposal, further monitoring costs could be paid Berkshire Environmental Laboratories. The ultimate cost of the project, pending continued state and local funding, is \$168,800. Monitoring costs over five years amount to \$26,600.



John S. Egan

EAST LEE Civic Association President Alice B. Morin urges Lee Selectmen to transform former East Lee School to community center.

Old East Lee School proposed as youth, community center

By John S. Egan

LEE — The president and members of the East Lee Civic Association last night proposed the transformation of the former East Lee School on Silver Street to a youth and community center.

"We've come to find out about the old school," said Alice B. Morin, association president, to the Selectmen last night. "We wondered if it could be used as a civic center and as a meeting place for our association."

The school building has been under the control of the town since the School Department transferred the school's students and staff to the Central School in September, 1977. The Selectmen indicated recently they wished to sell the structure, which been used for storage of desks and other equipment for the last year and a half. The School Department is starting to get rid of stored equipment by offering wooden desks and chairs to residents on a first-come, first-serve basis, this Saturday morning, from 9 to noon.

The structure, Building Inspector Ed-

ward M. Briggs said, "is in pretty good shape. The heating system is fairly new and it has a whole new chimney."

While the Selectmen had planned to sell the property "because it costs the town to heat it and take care of it," Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy said that "due to the fact we've had a lot of concern about our youth and the lack of a youth center, if we could get a group to do the work or volunteer, we might be able to do something" with the building.

Since any renovation of the structure would probably involve town funds, annual town meeting voters would have to approve the establishment of a community center at the property, Murphy said.

Selectman John E. DeVarennes urged Mrs. Morin to contact local service clubs for support in organizing the proposed community center. "If there were interest shown in the building," said DeVarennes, "I think we could hold back on the sale of the property until the annual town meeting."

The main problem in the establishment of a center, DeVarennes said, would be

"supervision."

Turning the conversation to two other matters that she said concern East Lee residents, Mrs. Morin asked the Selectmen to do something about the deteriorating "Butler property" and speeding trucks on Route 20.

The former Butler property, a building located at the corner of Maple, Chapel and Cape streets, near the East Lee Steak House, once housed a post office and general store. The property was taken by the town for unpaid real estate taxes.

"I think something should be done to keep children out," she said. "It's not boarded up. There are holes in the floor that go right down to the cellar. The back end is all collapsed."

Mrs. Morin also asked if something could be done to "slow down those trucks on Route 20 in East Lee. Sometimes people can't even turn into their driveways, when those trucks are barreling down behind them."

The Selectmen said they would look into both matters.

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to exhibit a strong social conscience. Themes of poverty, civil rights, the generation gap, the Vietnam War, and the threatened environment flowed from his brushes.

"I'm getting fed up with cute situations," he grumbled.

Norman Rockwell was born in New York City on Feb. 3, 1894, the son of Jarvis Waring and Nancy Hill Rockwell. At 16 he dropped out of high school and joined the Art Students League, where he earned his first commission by doing four Christmas cards for the wealthy Mrs. Arnold Constable. Soon he was illustrating books and getting regular advertising assignments.

At age 22, he went to Philadelphia in

hopes of showing his portfolio to George Horace Lorimer, who had built a minor magazine into a giant with two million readers. The magazine was called The Saturday Evening Post. Lorimer bought two paintings for \$75 each and approved three sketches for future covers. Rockwell recalled later, "I had arrived."

And indeed he had, for Liberty magazine soon tried to buy him away from the Post, offering him double his fee if he would move. But Rockwell preferred to stay with the first employer who had taken a chance on him, a canny decision since the Post immediately doubled his cover price from \$250 to \$500. His long-range good sense was borne out as well. Liberty magazine died a pauper's death in 1951.

Rockwell's first marriage ended in divorce. His second wife, Mary, who died in 1959, was the mother of his three sons; Peter, a sculptor; Thomas, a writer; and Jarvis, a modern painter. Six years after Mary's death, Rockwell married Mary L. "Molly" Punderson, a retired teacher.

"I realized a long time ago that I'll never be a Rembrandt," said Rockwell several years ago, "but I start each picture with the same high hopes, and if I never fulfill them, I still try my darndest. Someone once asked Picasso which was his favorite painting, and he said, 'the next one.' I'll echo that," said Rockwell.

For Norman Rockwell there will no longer be a "next one," but millions of Americans will remember the ones that went before.

Lee's Morgan House restaurant to go out of business Saturday

By John S. Egan

LEE — One of the oldest operating inns in Berkshire County is closing this Saturday night.

Maria Cole of Tyringham, owner of the 19th-century Morgan House, acknowledged yesterday that she is closing the combination restaurant and inn after Saturday night.

Coincidentally, spokesmen from two other restaurants in downtown Lee acknowledged that their facilities are planning to shut down operations for the winter. The closing of the other two eateries — Rossi's Restaurant on Main Street and the Victoria Restaurant on Park Street — will be strictly seasonal. The restaurants expect to reopen in spring.

The reopening of the Morgan House, however, depends upon the sale of the structure to new owners.

Although the former stagecoach inn had been for sale for some time for about \$300,000, the asking price has now come down to \$250,000. Mrs. Cole said she has dropped the price because she wants to find a buyer for the restaurant quickly.

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"The Morgan House is so important to the town of Lee," she said. "I feel it is closing temporarily. I feel certain someone will purchase it."

Mrs. Cole, who with her former husband, Gary Devore, purchased the inn five years ago, said she discovered that she did not have enough time to operate

the inn as it should be operated.

"I really feel very badly about it," she said. "But the inn needs someone to be there and run it. I firmly believe it can be a success, but it must be owner-operated. I've really pushed it as far as I could. You have to think business-wise, even though there are emotions involved."

Mrs. Cole said she recently has been spending about six months of the year in Tyringham and part of the year at her other home in Encino, Calif. She now is planning to sell the Encino home and buy a house in Boston, the city of her birth. She will keep her home in Tyringham

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ARCHITECT of new Lee Library wing, Norman G.A. Day of Lenox, stands in front of library. New wing is on left side of original structure, which was built of Lee marble in 1908.

John S. Egan

Lee Library wing opens tomorrow

\$271,000 addition triples building space

By John S. Egan

LEE — A transformed Lee Library opens its new \$271,000 wing tomorrow between 2 and 4 p.m.

The 5,000-square-foot addition, which triples the space of the old library, was funded through a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

U.S. Rep. Silvio Conte, who along with U.S. Sen. Edward W. Brooke, was instrumental in helping to obtain the grant, will attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy, John H. Dolan, president of the library's board of directors, and Department of Public Works' Superintendent J. Peter Scoloro, who initiated the grant request, also will be present.

The new wing was designed to triple the space of the 1907 library without architecturally overwhelming the original marble structure, according to Architect Norman G.A. Day of Lenox.

"It was a challenge to design a new wing without overpowering the old building," Day said. "I was purposely trying to deemphasize the addition and to tie it in with the use of old materials."

The one-story wing, constructed on the northwest side of the old building, is faced with marble slabs that were cut from the quarry that supplied stone for the original structure. Smooth stone was used on the corners, while rough stone forms the inserts.

In dramatic contrast to the slabs, which Day says will darken with age to match the color of the old blocks, are panels of bright orange under the windows.

"The panels are an attempt to match the roof color," said Day. "In some lights, the color looks very orange, in other light, the panels match the roof."

Along the Main Street side of the addition are a row of locust saplings. Someday they will filter the light falling on the large windows on the addition's east wall.

The impact of the addition strikes

the visitor as soon as he enters the main library entrance.

Because the charging desk has been moved, the entrance foyer seems much larger than in the past. The former stack room, located behind the foyer, once bulging with tall metal stacks of books, has been changed to a light and airy reference room.

A turn to the left reveals the new charging area, and beyond, the new wing.

The stack area, measuring approximately 35 feet by 50 feet, contains enough shelving to hold most of the library's 30,140 books, according to Miss Dennis, who said that in the past many books had to be stacked in the basement for lack of space.

Overhead, banks of fluorescent lights drop soft but bright illumination over the stack area. The old library's former exterior north wall forms the south wall of the stack area.

"I saw no reason to cover it up," says Day. "I thought it rather interesting to leave it exposed inside. Breaking through from the old building to the new wing was a very simple connection. There were two pairs of windows. One pair we left. The other was taken out. So we have an opening 9 feet wide and 10 feet high into the new wing. It seems very spacious."

Behind the remaining window is a small music room, with record player and cassette recorder. Flanking the east side of the stack area is a magazine and reading area. Flanking the west side, separated from the stack area by a long row of interior windows, is the children and young adults' room. The 1,020-foot room, which runs along the entire west side of the addition, was designed to operate as a self-contained unit.

"The children's room feels a part of the main library," said Day. "But it could be its own unit. It has its own catalog file."

At the northwest end of the new wing are a grade level entrance, designed to facilitate library access for persons in wheelchairs, restrooms, entrance foyer and lecture room. A doorway leading from the foyer and

restrooms to the main stack area can be locked, Miss Dennis said, sealing off the lecture room from the rest of the library. This makes it a facility that can be used by the community after library hours or on weekends.

"It's basically a room for small meetings," said Day, "but it also lends itself to exhibits and movies."

Suspended from the ceiling are adjustable spotlights that can throw light on three walls of the room. Vertical wooden strips were fastened to the three walls to "take any paintings or photographs from 2 feet wide to 8 feet wide."

At the rear of the room, which can hold 108 persons, are closets for projector and chair storage, and a small kitchenette.

"It's something the old library never had," said Miss Dennis. "There was no wall space there, because there were books on every possible wall."

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The new wing is heated by heat pumps which are located along the exterior walls, under the windows. All windows in the new wing are double-glazed, with narrow venetian blinds between the two sheets of glass in each window.

Work on the addition was begun in early January by George E. Emerson Inc., which won a \$238,292 general contract for the work.

Construction work was completed about three weeks ago, when the library closed to allow employees to move books and ready the new wing. The addition had been on the drawing boards since 1963, undergoing several evolutions until the present version was decided upon.

The Lee Library Association was founded at a special town meeting in 1874. It received its first appropriation of town funds in 1876. The first library was set up in two rooms in Memorial Hall.

In 1908, the library moved to the present building. The total cost was \$35,400, of which the Carnegie Foundation supplied \$12,000, with the balance given by private gifts and town funds.

Norman Rockwell, 84, dies at home

STOCKBRIDGE — Norman Rockwell, America's most famous artist and illustrator, died at his home on South Street last night at 11:30. He was 84.

The slender, white-haired artist continued the struggle to work even as the gathering infirmities of age overtook him. Some years ago he told an interviewer: "When I die, I want to be working on a picture and just fall over." It almost happened that way. On an easel in his nearby studio was a last painting — a humorous depiction of the town's Indian-Colonial heritage he started more than a year ago and never finished.

For years Rockwell had been a familiar sight, bicycling along the Stockbridge roads, often accompanied by his wife Molly. He and his South Street home and studio were obligatory targets for tourists. One, it is said, even climbed into Rockwell's bedroom window hoping to catch a glimpse of his quarry. The artist bore these intrusions with all possible grace.

Rockwell's fame grew over the years to the point where he became an American institution. His appeal spanned virtually every segment of society. The cognoscente sometimes wrinkled their noses at his work, calling him "illustrator" over "artist." For millions of his countrymen, however, he represented all they knew of art.

He let it be known to newspapers that he preferred to be called an illustrator. But, with his ever present sense of humor, he commented in an interview a few years back that when people pressed him in an argument over whether he is an artist or an illustrator, "I let them win the argument."

Despite his fame, which included receiving the 1976 Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, he was simply "Norman" to his friends. Fame and humility were matching garments to him.

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In 1969, a group of his Stockbridge neighbors purchased and renovated the Old Corner House at Main and Elm streets to provide a site for the display of Rockwell works. He loaned many of them for permanent display there, and the house became such a success that it is has attracted 360,818 visitors since it opened.

Rockwell's modesty about his talents bordered on immodesty. In an interview as he neared 80, he called himself "just a hack illustrator who made a lot of money." The comment was classic understatement, implying that his work was easy and superficial.

Few artists paid as much attention to detail. For a Saturday Evening Post cover on the occasion of Charles A. Lindbergh's transatlantic flight in 1927, Rockwell worked for 26 straight hours to salute the event.

For a 1969 commission from Look magazine of Neil Armstrong's first step on the moon, Rockwell traveled to Houston to view the simulated moon surface there to get the most realistic effect.

If his art was enchanting, folksy, warm and unrealistic in social terms, he knew it and was unapologetic. In 1960, he commented at length:

"Maybe as I grew up and found the world wasn't the perfectly pleasant place I had thought it to be, I unconsciously decided that if it wasn't an ideal world, it should be. So I painted only the ideal aspects of the world, pictures in which there were no drunken slatterns of self-centered mothers, but in which there were instead foxy old grandpas who played baseball with the kids, and boys who fished from logs and got up circuses in the back yard. If there were problems, they were humorous problems. The people in my pictures are never mentally

ill or deformed. The situations they face are commonplace everyday situations, not the agonizing crises and tangles of life."

His work included nearly 400 magazine covers, every Boy Scout calendar but two since 1924, portraits of each president from Warren G. Harding to Richard Nixon, stars like John Wayne, Bing Crosby and commercial clients like fried chicken magnate Col. Harlan Saunders.

He rode the crest of the heyday of magazine illustration, and some of his paintings became as forceful as artillery. His World War II series of paintings of the four freedoms found its way into millions of American homes and typified the effort and goal of war.

In the troubled 1960s, Rockwell began

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Louis Lamone

FOUR-FREEDOMS painting by the artist is the backdrop for this 1971 photo of Norman Rockwell, who died at his home in Stockbridge.

Middle class struck by new kind of VD

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (UPI) — A newly recognized venereal disease, found predominantly among middle-class suburbanites, is spreading throughout the state, country and world, warns Dr. Nicholas J. Fiumara, director of the Massachusetts Division of Communicable Diseases.

At a meeting of the Middlesex South District Medical Society Wednesday, Fiumara said non-gonococcal urethritis (NGU), because of its association with more affluent groups, for unspecified reasons, is sometimes described as a "suburban" disease.

Unlike gonorrhea, NGU does not cause the severe pain in men that often leads them to seek treatment. Fiumara warned it can inflame female pelvic organs, leading to sterility, and can cause eye infections and pneumonia in infants.

Fiumara said inflammation of the male urethra caused by NGU may result in an irritation that smarts and causes a discharge. He said, however, some patients show no symptoms.

He told the members of the society treatment of males is fruitless if there is no coincident treatment of their sex partners, adding that in 22 hospital clinics in Massachusetts, NGU is the No. 1 venereal disease and is seen mostly in clinics that draw from colleges of middle-class communities.

The disease, which doctors have only recently become aware of, is best treated with tetracyclines or newer derivatives of the antibiotic.

Fiumara said NGU may occur among couples who have been faithful sexual partners because women may have inherited it from their mothers.

At a session on NGU presented to the American Medical Association last year, doctors were told that it is the most common venereal disease in both the United States and England and the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., estimates that as many as two million cases of NGU occur in the United States each year.



MERRELL TAVERN had received a new coat of paint when this photo was taken in 1970. Tavern is on south side of Route 102 in South Lee.

S. Lee landmark for sale

By John S. Egan

LEE — The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities has announced its intention to sell the Merrell Tavern in South Lee.

The proposed sale of the 160-year-old structure, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks, is part of a move by the society to get rid of 14 pieces of property now under its care. Miss Mabel Choate of Stockbridge gave the structure to the society in 1947.

"The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities has owned the tavern for many years," wrote David Lohres, director of property development for the society in a June 19 letter to the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission (BCRPC).

"For all these years we wanted very much to develop the building into a full museum structure with all related restoration, visitation and programs. Both our board and staff have come to the realization that this is not a possibility, given financial conditions."

The tavern, which was constructed during the American Federal period between 1810 and 1815, was one of two properties on the disposition list that "represent a realization of the financial situation, as opposed to a decision that the building does not qualify for inclusion in our collection."

The society is "vitaly concerned with preservation of structures that will be sold to other owners." All of the structure's "important features" will be protected with covenants, the letter said.

The society is investigating the possibility of blocking restaurant usage of the former tavern with a covenant, because of a concern for the "bad track record" of restaurants "relative to destruction by fire and other causes."

In a July 10 response to the society, James H. Parrish, historic preservation planner for the BCRPC offered his assistance in the development of a plan for preservation of the landmark.

Parrish asked the society to spell out the conditions under which the former tavern was entrusted by Miss Choate to the society. He also asked what had happened to furnishings that were in the building as recently as three years ago and what restrictions would be applied to the former tavern's exterior and interior.

In response to the announcement of the society's announced intention to sell the Merrell Tavern, the Lee Selectmen said they would ask the Lee Historical Committee to set up a public hearing to gain input from local residents regarding the building's future.

The original structure, consisting of the first two floors, was built by Joseph Whiton as a hostel between 1810 and 1815. Two years after its construction, the building came into the Merrell family, where it remained for 100 years. A third floor ballroom and the front porch were added in 1838, both examples of the then popular Greek Revival architecture.

The William Davis family bought the property in 1880 and ran it for 20 years as the Davis Hotel. From the turn of the century to the end of World War I, the hotel was operated off and on. Miss Choate took the tavern out of the Merrell-Davis family in 1918 and ran it as the Old Tavern Tea Room during the 1920s and early 1930s.

Also during the 1930s, the ballroom was used for dances to which men at the Civilian Conservation Corps camp on nearby Beartown Mountain were invited.

The advent of World War II forced tearooms out of vogue and Miss Choate in 1947 gave the property to the Boston-based society.

Restoration of the structure by the society was begun in 1969, after a thorough architectural and historical study of the building. The entire exterior was given several applications of new paint.

The former tavern was added to the National Register of Historic Landmarks in 1972.

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Lee church to celebrate

By JOHN HITCHCOCK
Union Bureau Chief

LEE-Scaffolding will be removed from the steeple of the First Congregational Church of Lee next week, marking the end of the first major renovation in the 142-year history of what is regarded as the tallest Congregational church steeple in New England.

A celebration will be held Nov. 18 at the church to mark completion of the \$56,000 job.

The church, constructed in 1857, was officially listed in the National Register of Historic Buildings two years ago, qualifying it for government assistance.

The Rev. Walter S. Ryan said Friday it took more than a year to complete the paperwork for applications for assistance, and finally a \$27,000 matching grant was awarded by the Massachusetts Historic Commission.

"We had to hustle around and raise our \$27,000 and we did it in every possible way from tag sales to church suppers," Ryan said, "but we went over the top by several thousand dollars."

The lowest bid, \$56,000, was submitted by Francis Allard Construction Co. of Wales in June, and work was started in July.

"It was necessary to replace all of the original sheet metal on the spire and turrets, as well as

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Lee probation officer promoted to new post

LEE — Paul R. Collins of Richmond Avenue, probation officer for the District Court of Lee for the past five years, has been appointed chief probation officer of the newly consolidated District Court of Southern Berkshire Division.

The District Court of Lee and Great Barrington's Southern Berkshire District Court have been administratively consolidated under the court reform bill enacted in early July.

Judge John J. Dwyer, chief presiding justice for the two courts, this week named Collins, 32, to the post that was created by the administrative merger. As chief probation officer, Collins will be responsible for filling out reports to the Commissioner of Probation and keeping consolidated records from the two courts.

Collins said yesterday he will still handle most of his case work from his office at the District Court of Lee. George V. Ulrich, probation officer at the Great Barrington court, will continue to handle case work from that location.

The new appointment brings a small rise in salary, Collins said, from \$17,600 to about \$18,000 a year.

Collins, a Lee native, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Col-



Paul R. Collins
Chief probation officer

lins of Housatonic Street, is a Lee High School graduate. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from St. Francis Xavier College in Nova Scotia. Before his appointment as probation officer of the Lee court in 1973, he worked for the state Welfare Department in Pittsfield.

He and his wife, Denise, have four children.

Consolati honored by housing board

LEE — Frank P. Consolati, who recently announced his retirement as the chairman of the Lee Housing Authority, was honored yesterday for his service to the elderly with a surprise party at Brown Memorial Court on Marble Street.

Under Consolati's direction, the Housing Authority oversaw the development of Brown Memorial Court, a 48-apartment complex for the elderly that was completed in 1973.

About 33 Brown Memorial Court residents, Housing Authority Director Yvonne duPont and the Rev. Walter S. Ryan, pastor of the First Congregational Church and former chairman of the Lee Council on Aging, turned out to honor Consolati and his wife yesterday.

Mrs. duPont pinned carnations on Mr. and Mrs. Consolati. Consolati was presented with a plaque that pictures the apartment complex and a reproduction

of the complex's dedication plaque. Brown Memorial Court tenants arranged refreshments.

"It is a very pleasant feeling to help an elderly person in some way or other," said Ryan, commenting on Consolati's service. "But when you have been responsible for the establishment of a housing authority, steered the group through planning sessions, training sessions, business meetings and financial commitment, and acted as accountant, treasurer and overseer of the entire building project that resulted in what we have now... it must give one a great feeling of satisfaction, to have enabled folks to have a place of their own to live in, and this lovely activities room."

Consolati, 68, whose term expired July 9, advised Gov. Michael S. Dukakis that he would not accept reappointment as the state appointee to the Housing Authority. He is staying on as acting chairman until the govern-



John S. Egan
Frank P. Consolati

Miss Tristany again heads Lee board

LEE — Marguerite M. Tristany was re-elected chairman of the School Committee at its organizational meeting Tuesday night. James H. Dolan will continue as vice chairman.

Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger recommended that Dr. John T. Cinella continue as school doctor, but asked the committee to postpone action on appointing an attendance officer until a decision had been made on whether to hire an adjustment counselor.

Subcommittee appointments will be made at a later date.

In other matters, the School Committee approved a comprehensive testing program for students taking the two-year French I program in junior high school. Students who perform well on the exam will be able to move into French II in Grade 9. Those who do not, will be asked to repeat French I.

The committee accepted the resignation of William Mispel, a woodworking teacher at the high school. Mispel said he will be moving to New Hampshire in June.

Joan Roger is named new manager of WSBS

GREAT BARRINGTON — Joan Roger of Housatonic has been named manager of radio station WSBS on Stockbridge Road, Berkshire Broadcasting Co. President Donald A. Thurston announced yesterday.

She succeeds John T. Ryan, who resigned June 1 after 11 years as manager. He left the station to devote more time to his business, Ryan's Florists.

Mrs. Roger, who joined the station more than 10 years ago, will be responsible for "the total operation of WSBS radio services in the Southern Berkshire area," Thurston said.

A former kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Roger has worked as a copywriter, account executive, and on-the-air personality while at WSBS.

She attended Boston University and the New England Conservatory of Music. She is honorary chairman of the Berkshire County International Year of the Child Committee.

She and her husband, Leonce Roger, have two sons.



Donald B. Victor
Joan Roger
Former teacher

Berkshire Broadcasting Co., which owns WSBS, is based in North Adams.

'Good Bears of the World' are out of hibernation here



PARK BUILDING on Main Street in Lee has been sold by Mrs. James T. Noonan, daughter of building's founder, James T. Owens. Structure was erected in 1914.

East Lee merchant buys J.T. Owens block, store

LEE — Michael Zabian, owner of the East Lee Package Store, yesterday purchased for an undisclosed sum the Park Building on Main Street and J.T. Owens, the men's and young men's clothing store that has been located in the building since its construction in 1914 by the late James T. Owens.

Zabian, a native of Lebanon who came to the United States 13 years ago and has operated the East Lee store for the past 10 years, purchased the 12,000-square-foot building and clothing store from Mrs. James T. Noonan of Academy Street, a daughter of James T. Owens.

Zabian said yesterday that he will run a men's clothing store in the present location of J.T. Owens, in the northerly wing of the building. He said that the business, which will operate under a new name, will increase the

inventory and selections of clothing for store's clientele.

He also will supervise the rental of space the two-story building, which is constructed from Lee marble. Present tenants include Lawrence V. Toole Insurance Agency, Toole Real Estate Agency, the local office of the Penny Saver, Raynor's Bearing and Supplies, Scottie's Barber Shop, and the office attorney Henry M. Donahoe.

Owens founded his clothing store in 1904 at the present site of Henry's Electrical Service 252 Main St. He moved it to its present location when he built the Park Building 10 years later. After Owens died in 1954, the business was run by his daughters, Mrs. Noonan and Mrs. George Holmes. Mrs. Noonan and her husband, James T. Noonan, purchased Mrs. Holmes' share of the business and building in 1974. Mrs. Noonan, who had been associated with J.T. Owens since 1938, died May 27.



STUFFING A BEAR as part of Berkshire County's observance of the International Year of the Child is Jean Searles of Richmond. She and Jean Belfield of Peru, center, and Ceile Zink of Windsor, left, are helping to organize distribution of handmade teddy bears to children in area hospitals.

LENOX — The charter members of Berkshire County's chapter of the Good Bears of the World met at the Community Center yesterday morning to begin distributing patterns, stuffing and materials for teddy bears that eventually will wind up in the hands of children in area hospitals.

"Come the fall, we will really be going great guns," said Mary England of Lenox. Bear Lairs have been organized in more than half the towns in Berkshire County, she said.

Miss England said the Berkshire County Is a Neighborhood Committee is seeking material, nylon for stuffing the bears and willing volunteers. She said two or three bears can be made from a single yard of fabric.

Good Bears of the World, which has its headquarters in Switzerland, was founded in 1970 by James T. Ownby of Honolulu, Hawaii, for the express purpose of comforting children in hospitals and other institutions.

The first group to become active in making bears in the county was organized last fall at the Sweetbrook Nursing Home in Williamstown.

County towns that have Lair Bears, and the women who will be coordinating the project are Lanesboro, Leila Gleason; Dal-

ton, Charlotte Tedford; Windsor, Ceile Zink; Hinsdale, Elizabeth Dam; Peru, Jeanne Belfield; Washington and Becket, Sally Poland; Lenox, Francine Darey; Lee, Jean Dolan; Richmond, Jean Searles; Tyringham, Helen Curtin; Monterey, Barbara Gauthier; Otis, Margaret Etzel; Sand-

isfield, Toby Jensky; New Marlborough, Claudette Callahan; Stockbridge, Rosemary Schneyer; Great Barrington, Doreen Atwood; Alford, Judy Kinna, and Mount Washington, Bette C. Wright.

In Pittsfield, Hazel Burlew has a Lair Bear in Ward 1 and Sharon Kehl in Ward 2.

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Photos by Stephen Hawkins

LEE MODERATOR Henry M. Donahoe, at a lecture on stage, clarifies point of order at Lee town meeting. At table in foreground are, from left to right, Selectman Lena D. Bettiga, Selectmen Chairman Wil-

liam M. Murphy and Town Counsel James P. Dohoney. Fifty of 54 district representatives attended annual town meeting last night.

3½-hour annual meeting in Lee approves budget that is up 7%

By John S. Egan

LEE — Representative town meeting voters last night took 3½ hours to approve a \$4,259,006 budget for fiscal 1979.

The budget is \$286,375, or about 7 percent, higher than last year's \$3,972,631.

Moderator Henry M. Donahoe, who has been in office for the past 12 years, led the 50 district representatives who attended through a town meeting for the last time. He had announced early this spring he is not seeking re-election. District representatives stood at the end of the meeting and gave Donahoe an ovation.

The representatives gave two-thirds majority approval to all budget items that exceeded the 4 percent tax cap.

Two of the 32 warrant items were defeated. Voters turned down a request by the East Lee Civic Association that the former East Lee School be made available to interested groups for meetings and social gatherings. Tabled were a subsequent article asking \$1,500 for maintenance of the former school building and another article that would have authorized sale of the structure.

A request for \$10,000 to complete the first phase of a Communications Study Proposal — which would consolidate emergency transmitting equipment at the switchboard into a single console — also was defeated.

Largest single item on the warrant, the School Department's \$2,538,328 budget, was approved 48-2, but not before the issue of crossing guards turned into a hot potato.

The school budget is \$130,027, or 5.3 percent, higher than last year's.

District 1 Representative Henry G. Greiner, a School Committee member called upon to answer a question by Dis-

trict 5 Representative William B. Navin about teachers' aides, told the meeting that no funds had been budgeted by any town departments for crossing guards.

The salary for the Central School's two crossing guards traditionally has been included in the Police Department budget. But the Selectmen had urged the transfer of the crossing guards' salaries to the School Department budget, so that the town could avoid the payment of unemployment compensation to crossing guards during the summer months, when schools are closed.

"I'd like to clarify one thing," said Greiner. "There's no place in our budget for crossing guards." A letter had been sent to the School Committee by the Selectmen requesting the shift, but, Greiner said, "we never had a meeting with the Selectmen to accept."

Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy admitted "there must be some misunderstanding."

"It was our understanding the School Committee would take over, simply because it could save the town X amount of dollars in unemployment payments," Murphy said.

An increase in the hours of the Assessors' clerk and a \$5,200 hike in the clerk's salary also aroused discussion.

"We've gotten to the point where we can't handle it," said Assessor Chairman William F. Derrick, explaining the reason for an increase in the clerk's hours and salary. "We're beyond our capabilities on handling paperwork."

Town Clerk John J. Nagle, who is also an assessor, said the business for the Assessors' office had increased so much that he was forced to spend time performing Assessors' work while on duty as town clerk.

"They come into the office and say 'Are you an assessor?'" he said. "You can't say to them, 'come back Wednesday night' (when the Assessors meet)."

Town Collector Janice G. Smith said one reason for the increase in work for the Assessors was that the town collector's office had granted abatements in the past, but was no longer doing so.

District representatives raised few objections to either the Department of Public Works' operating budget of \$478,167, or the \$161,409 in special articles proposed by the DPW. Both the budget and all DPW special articles were passed unanimously.



William B. Navin
"Not without rosary beads"

"The water rates were supposed to be restructured to cut out surplus," he said. "It looks a little too much like a buildup of slush."

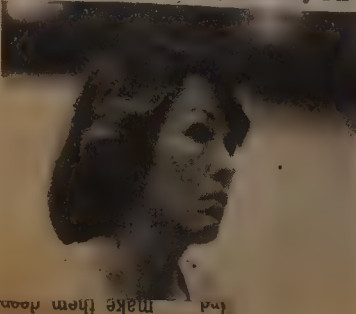
DPW Board Chairman David W. Parker responded that while the Water Department had cut rates 40 percent this past year, "that was as far as we dared (go), for fear of running into the red. We anticipate that by July 1 there should be a surplus."

Navin stirred up representatives with a criticism of Main Street's heavy traffic and the Police Department.

"The only place you can cross Main Street is in front of the Town Hall," he said. "And then you've got to have rosary beads in your hand. Cars are doing 45 or 50 (mph) on East Street. Where is the radar the town purchased? Behind Town Hall somewhere? Why isn't the Police Department doing its job in this town?"

Murphy and District 5 Representative Marguerite M. Tristany rose to the defense of the police.

Murphy said that the town couldn't "keep a cop in the [] all the time to



make them hear...

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Lee moves on watershed plan

LEE — The long-stalled Washington Mountain Brook Watershed project got a small shove forward Monday as the Selectmen signed a supplemental agreement to the original plan for the project.

The supplemental agreement will be sent by registered mail to each of the other project sponsors — the Berkshire Conservation District, the state Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, the state Water Resources Commission and the federal Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

All of the project sponsors with the exception of the Water Resources Commission have indicated their support for the supplemental agreement to the project, the Selectmen said. The board said it hoped the Water Resources Commission would initial the agreement at its Aug. 13 meeting, thus allowing the project to go forward.

The Water Resources Commission last September suspended its review of an environmental impact statement for the project, pending further studies of groundwater alternatives to the project in the Woods Pond area. Preliminary findings this spring indicated the existence of a large enough supply of groundwater — 1.2 million gallons daily — to qualify the aquifer as a possible municipal water supply alternative to the Washington Mountain Brook project.

Local officials, however, say that the Washington Mountain Brook project is preferable as a source of water because of questions about the quality of groundwater near Woods Pond and the possibility of infiltration of Housatonic River water into the groundwater aquifer.

The Selectmen had hoped the Water Resources Commission would take some action on the project, which has been in construction for the past 18 years, at its June meeting. The Water Resources Commission, however, said it wanted to review a U.S. Geological Service (USGS) report on tests of the Woods Pond aquifer.

Selectmen Chairman Lena D. Bettega Monday said she hoped the Water Resources Commission at its Aug. 13 meeting would decide to "go forward with the project or say the heck with it."

Mrs. Bettega said the supplemental agreement was the result of many conferences between the various sponsors and much work by the federal SCS, which designed the project. Philip Christensen of the SCS told local officials that the SCS



John S. Egan

INITIALING new supplemental agreement on the Washington Mountain Brook Watershed project for the town of Lee is Selectmen Chairman Lena D. Bettega. Selectman John E. DeVarennes is at left.

didn't "know what more it could do" regarding the project, Mrs. Bettega said.

The supplemental agreement has to be signed by all project sponsors, including the Water Resources Commission, to become effective.

Because the town of Lee has asked that water supply benefits of the proposed three-lake project be given more emphasis than in the original plan, the supplemental agreement spells out proposed changes in the plan and gives new breakdowns on costs for the different sponsors.

Under the supplemental agreement, the town of Lee would receive 2.45 million gallons of water daily from the project — 1.57 million gallons daily from the proposed Schoolhouse Lake and .88 million

gallons daily from October Mountain Lake.

The one lake in the project which has been constructed — Washington Mountain Lake — would not be used for municipal water supply. Its use would be for flood control and recreation.

The total estimated cost of the project is now \$4.2 million, under the supplemental agreement. The town of Lee's share would be \$1.2 million, which would pay for the purchase of water supply benefits from Schoolhouse Lake and the construction of a pipeline from Schoolhouse and October Mountain lakes down to the town's reservoir.

The federal sponsor's share would be \$1.921 million and the state's share is \$1.039 million.

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LEE LIBRARIAN Elizabeth Dennis holds Tri-Town Rotary Club's distinguished community service award, which was presented to her yesterday. Others, left to right, are Tri-Town Rotary President Edward J. Cristiano, Rotarian Martin I. Kagan and Florence S. Consolati.

Rotarians honor librarian

LEE — Seventy one persons turned out yesterday at the East Lee Steak House, where Lee Librarian Elizabeth Dennis received the Tri-Town Rotary Club's award for distinguished community service.

Florence A. Consolati, author of the town's bicentennial book, "See All the People," and a close personal friend of Miss Dennis, presented the award.

Rotary guests included Lee Selectmen Lena D. Bettega and William M. Murphy and Lenox Selectman and County Commissioner John J. Pignatelli.

Tri-Town Rotary President Edward J. Cristiano conveyed messages from officials who were unable to attend the luncheon.

Robert G. Newman, head librarian at the Berkshire Athenaeum, stated in a letter that "Betty is one of the outstanding librarians in Massachusetts and her fine work is known outside the community."

Miss Dennis has been associated with the Lee Library since 1935 and has been librarian for the past 37 years. Last November, she was honored by the town by the dedication to her of the children's room in the new library addition.

Mrs. Consolati spoke of Miss Dennis' efforts to increase circulation each year, and the crea-

tion of a children's room in the basement of the old library, the children's story hour and sponsorship of puppet shows.

"Her main interest has been for the good of the children," Mrs. Consolati said. "The kids love it (the library). They come to it as though it were home, and there aren't many places you can say that about these days — where children are completely welcome and want to go."

Miss Dennis also "got into community affairs with all her heart," taking an active role over the years in St. George's Episcopal Church and the Girl Scouts, Mrs. Consolati said.

Miss Dennis responded to Mrs. Consolati's remarks by praising members of her library staff for their hard work. She credited members of the Library Association and town officials, particularly Department of Public Works Superintendent J. Peter Scolforo, for playing crucial parts in the town's acquisition of the new \$271,000 grant-funded library wing.

"We wouldn't have this addition if Pete hadn't seen the EDA (Economic Development Administration) grant and gone after it and gotten it for the town," she said.

Cristiano said the Rotary award was given "in recognition of a lifetime of service above self."

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Graham gets doctorate

Gerard Graham, son of Mrs. Nicholas F. Graham of 449 Maple St., Lee, and the late Mr. Graham, has earned a doctor of dental surgery degree cum laude from Loyola University School of Dentistry in Maywood, Ill.

Dr. Graham will do one year of general practice in residence at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Hartford, Conn., before entering private practice.

A 1971 graduate of Lee High School, Dr. Graham received a bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude in biology from St. Anslem's College in Manchester, N.H., in 1975.

Dr. Graham is a member of the Psi Omega dental fraternity and the St. Apollonia Guild, a religious-oriented service group with chapters in Catholic dental schools.



Dr. Gerard Graham

Secretary is hired for new CDC office

NORTH ADAMS — The Community Development Corp. Monday hired Jane R. McLaren of 27 Columbia St., Adams, as secretary for the organization's new office at 69½ Main St.

Miss McLaren, a graduate of Westbrook College in Portland, Maine, will earn \$7,000 per year and begin work July 30, according to Executive Director George A. Ciccone.

Lee seeks \$615,000 for downtown rehab

HUD official advises broad community support

By John S. Egan

LEE — The town of Lee yesterday completed an application for a \$615,000 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development block grant.

The grant, if awarded, would serve as the backbone of a proposed \$1.5 million downtown revitalization project.

Members of the Citizen Advisory Committee on downtown Lee yesterday afternoon released copies of the grant application after a meeting with John Bradshaw, assistant secretary of the Executive Office of Communities and Development, at the Lee Library.

The application, which was prepared by Berkshire County grantsman Philip L. Dumouchel, was to be mailed to the Department of Housing and Urban Development in order to meet an Oct. 1 deadline.

Bradshaw, in a review of urban revitalization efforts across the state, told local officials not to "hang your hat" on one grant application. He urged the meeting attendants to seek funding for revitalization through as many state and federal programs as possible.

The proposed \$1.5 million revitalization project is aimed at Main Street between the town park and the Sorrentino Block, where Joe's Diner and other businesses are located. It is contingent upon receipt of \$615,000 in grant funds from HUD. The balance of funds would come from the private sector.

The grant application lists six major goals. The first goal is the enhancement of "the aesthetic appeal of the town to prospective businesses and the large number of tourists who pass through town without shopping." Another goal is the prevention of

the closing of any additional businesses in the downtown area and the attraction of new ones. A third goal is the providing of "incentives for the rehabilitation of interior and exterior of those buildings that are deteriorating and are vacant."

Other goals include the preservation of the downtown's historic nature, the creation of 100 additional jobs and the consolidation of existing parking areas.

Proposed activities, under the tentative project, include \$30,000

in changes to the sidewalks along Main Street. This would involve curb cuts for the handicapped and the installation of trees, flower boxes and historic markers.

Another activity, a \$515,000 building exterior improvement program, would apply \$150,000 in federal funds to the improvement of building facades. This would be matched by \$290,000 in private funds and a proposed \$75,000 grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Under a \$490,000 building rehabilitation program, partial grants would be made to owners for the rehabilitation of vacant or "inappropriately utilized space" including housing units. No grants would be made unless the owner agreed to correct any code violations.

Parking areas

The consolidation of several privately owned parking areas located to the west of Main Street into one parking area is estimated to cost \$320,000. A \$24,000 comprehensive community development plan is another part of the proposed revitalization project.

Bradshaw told local officials that a demonstration of wide community support and local financial backing was a prerequisite for approval of the grant application.

"It's important to have across-the-board participation for any revitalization project," he said. "What is also becoming a very important factor is leveraged financing, which means your ability to spend public money and also get private participation."

Bradshaw said that, in contrast to many larger Massachusetts cities and towns, Lee seems to have preserved much of its downtown.

"You have for the most part a very intact downtown," he said. "A lot of cities have a gap-tooth business area, with vacant lots or parking lots between buildings. You still have a tied together downtown area. Also you don't have a lot of signage or a plastics problem."

Lee steeple fund drive surpasses \$27,000 goal

LEE — The Steeple People Committee has topped its goal of raising \$27,000 for the First Congregational Church steeple restoration project.

The committee raised a total of \$28,700, according to Joseph M. Toole, one of the committee chairmen.

The total was announced yesterday at the Cork N Hearth restaurant at a Dutch-treat dinner attended by Dorothy B. Perkins, Daniel Sullivan, the other committee chairmen, the Rev. Walter S. Ryan, pastor of the First Congregational Church, and other committee members.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is supplying a \$27,000 matching grant for the steeple-renovation project.

Toole noted that the non-denominational committee had managed

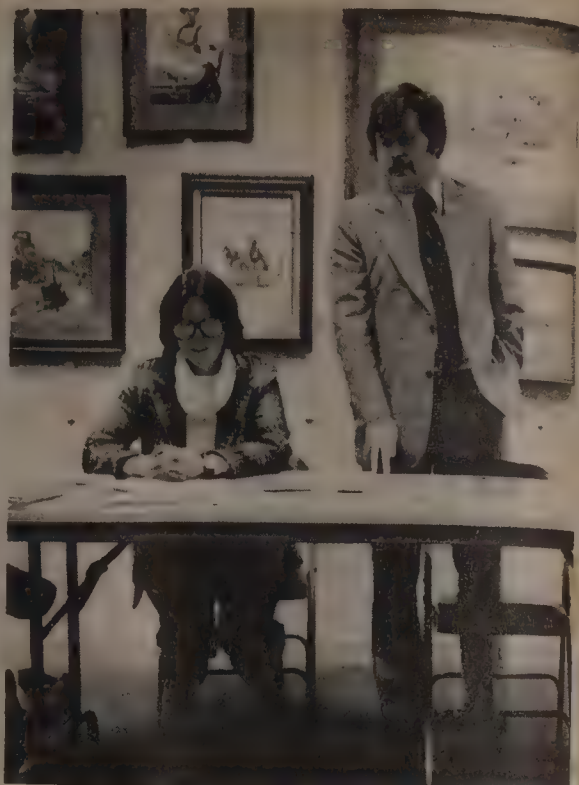
to raise the funds in less than four months.

The committee's sale of raffle tickets on a 1937 Buick raised \$3,115 in contributions, according to Mrs. Perkins. The automobile was donated by Miss Mira K. Parsons of Lenox.

Other proceeds came from donations from local industry, professionals and from residents of Lee and surrounding communities.

Contractor Francis W. Allard for the past month has been at work on the steeple restoration.

The repair job involves the stripping of paint from the 195-foot steeple's exterior sheathing, the replacement of all rotten pieces and the anchoring of all loose pieces of wood with screws. All sections of horizontal tin-plate flashing are being replaced with stainless steel flashing. Priming and repainting will follow.



John S. Egan

URBAN REVITALIZATION is discussed by John F. Bradshaw, assistant secretary of the Executive Office of Communities and Development, standing, at a meeting with Lee officials at the Lee Library yesterday. At left is Marilyn K. Sullivan, a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee on Downtown Lee.

Bradshaw cautioned local officials about being overly optimistic on the grant application. The town of Newburyport, with a population of about 16,000, has received more than \$53 million in federal revitalization funds over the past decade, he said. There are now fewer federal funds to disperse and more competition for the funds, he said. "You've got to stand up and shout," he advised local officials. "That's how Newburyport

got it. They had a mayor who would stand up and shout."

John J. Pignatelli, a Berkshire County commissioner and Lenox selectman, urged Bradshaw to do what he could to help Lee's application for funds.

"It would be great for the entire county if Lee were successful," he said. "I think you need to throw some chips around from time to time. I think they need a shot in the arm, like we all do from time to time."

Adults go back to high school

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Dalton, retired principal of the former Dalton High School. Franklin remembers a post-graduate student at Dalton in 1959, a married father of two children in his late 20s or early 30s who "wanted to become an engineer and needed to brush up on his math."

His name was Joseph Drouin and he went to classes in the mornings when Dalton High was on double sessions. He worked as a guard at the Crane & Co. mills at night.

"He was a wonderful fellow," Franklin said, "and terrific with the kids. In fact, teachers appreciated him because he seemed to serve as a role model for the regular students."

Discipline was not a problem in classes Drouin attended, Franklin recalled. "I think the younger students learned something about incentive from him."

In his years as a principal, Franklin remembers only one or two adults enroll-

ing in senior high school classes. "But I know we liked to have them," he said. "They can contribute to a tremendous learning environment."

Lucy echoes the sentiment. Mrs. Daley's presence "had a tremendous effect on the other students," he said. "They would look around and say that education must mean something more than a 40 cent lunch."

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Margaret Daley was Margaret Ford when she left Lee High as a junior in 1960 to get married — at the age of 15. "But as I got a little older, I felt how important an education would be," she said. She wanted a diploma in order to enroll in a practical nursing course.

So, in the summer of 1972, she asked Lucy about an equivalency certificate. "He said, 'Come and see me in the fall,' and on opening day he put me into a class."

The surroundings were strange at first,

but "within a few weeks, everything was great," she said.

To qualify for a diploma, she was assigned a demanding schedule of seven academic courses, the maximum possible. Her teachers made no exceptions for her. "I had to do my homework, which my 8th grader helped me with," she remembered.

At the end of the year, she and her husband, Nelson, went to the senior prom, and then, at graduation, she received that standing ovation. Her only regret, she said in jest, was her failure to win the Betty Crocker homemaking award.

"It killed me," she laughed. "Here I'd been a homemaker for 12 years and someone else got higher marks."

Mrs. Daley, now a venerable 34, is thinking of returning to school again, this time to become a registered nurse. She is a licensed practical nurse in the pediatric section at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield. Or, as she put it, "I'm still with the kids."

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EXHIBIT of arts and crafts by students in the Lee Public School system's summer school is on display in the children's reading room at the Lee Library. The ex-

hibit runs to Friday, when the four-week summer school ends.

John S. Egan

'Christian academy' is planned in Lee

By John S. Egan

LEE — Berkshire Hills Baptist Church on Pleasant Street is opening a "Christian academy" for students in Grades K-3 this fall.

While there are many Catholic schools in the Berkshires, the Berkshire Hills Baptist Church Christian Academy is only the third "alternative" school currently operated by a Protestant church in the county. The other two are the Howard M. Starratt Memorial Christian School in Cheshire and the Stevens Christian Schools in Lenox.

The school, which will be located in the basement of the church, will handle a maximum of 40 students. It is scheduled to open Sept. 6.

"It's been our burden to have a ministry in Christian education for the past six or seven years," said the Rev. A. Douglas Ferry, pastor of the Berkshire Hills Baptist Church, explaining that the new school is the result of long discussions and much planning.

Two years ago, the 70-member congregation of the church considered opening a school but rejected its proposed curriculum. Congregation members and the deacons recently came to a consensus on another one. Titled, "A Beka Book Curriculum," the series of courses was developed

by the Pensacola Christian Schools. It is in use by 3,500 Christian schools, Mr. Ferry said.

Extremely traditional in its proposed teaching methods, the curriculum emphasizes instruction of reading and phonics in kindergarten, and reading, pen-

manship, arithmetic, and writing in the early grades.

It is being reviewed now by Maurice J. Boulanger, superintendent of the Lee-Otis-Tyringham Superintendency Union.

Church officials declined to comment on whether the school was being started because of

dissatisfaction with the education being offered in public schools.

'Well balanced program'

"We're not here to knock anybody," said Aldo Pascucci, a deacon. Pascucci, deacons Roland Besaw and John Perry, and James Betters, form the church's School Board. "We feel we have a well-balanced program. We offer education, discipline and everything."

"We're presenting this school as an alternative to what the public schools cannot offer, because of regulations," said Mr. Ferry. "There will be discipline. Students will be students, teachers will be teachers, and the order will not be revised."

The tuition for the school is \$600 per student. A family rate specifies a \$300 charge for a second child and \$250 for each additional child.

Two teachers will instruct the four grades during the first year. There will be two grades in each classroom. Theresa Ferry, the pastor's wife, will teach kindergarten and 1st grade. The other teacher has not yet been named.

Half-hour of devotion

The school day will be from 8 a.m. to noon for kindergarten and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for

Lee board to probe restrictions on center

LEE — The Selectmen last night promised to investigate a complaint that the Council on Aging is blocking use of the Senior Center by the Lee High School Key Club.

The Key Club, which last year held a 24-hour dance marathon at the Senior Center, is again seeking to use the town-owned facility for the fund-raising activity, Pamela Gore of Fairview Street, told the Selectmen.

Miss Gore said, however, that members of the Key Club had been told the center's large meeting room couldn't be reserved for a 24-hour period.

Selectman John E. DeVarennes assured Miss Gore that the Key Club had a right to try and reserve the use of the room.

"It's a town building, to be used by the town," he said. "There's absolutely no reason why they can't use it. The only reason would be if there is something already scheduled."

DeVarennes said he would like to invite the council to attend a Selectmen's meeting and ex-

plain its policy on scheduling the Senior Center room.

Selectmen Chairman Lena D. Bettega assured Miss Gore that the Selectmen would "look into use of the room by the Key Club."

In another matter, the Selectmen accepted a \$4,350 bid from Quality Printing Co. of Pittsfield for the contract to print 2,400 copies of the 1980 town report. Springfield Printing Corp. of North Springfield, Vt., submitted a bid of \$5,179. John J. McDonald of Greylock Street reviewed the two bid applications and recommended the low bidder.

Lee bowling

Lee Sunrise League: High singles — Frank Sorrentino, 209; Todd Wade, 207; Rick White, 190. High threes — Frank Sorrentino, 583; Jim Gauchlone, 519; Rick White, 502.

Lee Junior Candlepins: High singles — Brian Wadsworth, 104; Eddie Forta, 100; Michele Nardin, 100. High threes — Brian Wadsworth, 295; Michele Nardin, 286; Steve Sample, 270.



NEW PRODUCTS announced by Chemex Corp. of Pittsfield include an automatic coffee maker, at left, that uses the company's unique coffee pot, and a coffee cup, above right, and cream-and-sugar set, below right, that duplicate the pot's hourglass shape.

Chemex introduces three products

Chemex Corp. has added an automatic coffee maker, a cream-and-sugar set and a coffee mug to its line of gourmet coffee products, the company has announced.

The Pittsfield firm said that its new coffee maker uses the Chemex glass coffee pot, whose modern design won it a place in the exhibits of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

Both the cream-and-sugar set and the coffee mug use the pot's hourglass design, the company said.

The coffee maker, which has a list price of \$52.95, heats water, then permits it to drip through coffee grounds in a filter in the top of the pot. The company said the coffee maker is designed to wet the grounds, stop water flow

for a moment to permit the grounds to "bloom," then resume water flow.

The wetting cycle improves the taste substantially, the company said. And a heating plate built into the coffee maker's base keeps it warm until serving.

The cream-and-sugar set, which carries a list price of \$24.95, consists of two servers, one stacked on the top of the other. The two pieces are separated when in use, then stacked for storage.

The glazed stoneware coffee mug, which costs \$4.95, holds eight ounces.

The company was founded in 1941 and came to Pittsfield in 1972, when it was purchased by Marc A. Ferrelli of Lee.

Ferrelli, then special products business manager for Mead Corp.'s specialty paper division in South Lee, was asked by Mead to study whether Mead should accept an offer, made by the British conglomerate that owned Chemex, to buy it. Mead for some time had manufactured paper coffee filters for the Chemex pots.

Mead subsequently decided to decline the offer. Ferrelli, however, did not.

Lee board seeking planning grant

LEE — The Selectmen signed a preapplication Monday for a \$19,500 Farmers Home Administration planning grant to help develop a revitalization program for the downtown.

The town is competing with other towns across the state for a portion of \$50,000 in funds that are available for planning grants, Philip L. Dumochel, Berkshire County grantsman, said.

"I would not be too optimistic, since there is only \$50,000 available for the whole state, but I felt it would be worth a try since we had most of the program already on paper," he said.

The application contains "basically the same" information as an application drawn up last year, when the town tried to land a \$615,000 Department of Housing and Urban Development block grant. That application was turned down.

Under the proposed planning grant, the downtown will be analyzed and a plan developed for overcoming problems created by the under-use and physical deterioration of buildings in the area.

The project would total \$30,493, including the FHA grants, \$19,500 grant, and funds or in-kind services from other sources. A Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) worker would be used to collect data, according to the grant proposal.

The project would involve a town housing survey, in conjunction with the Lee Housing Authority and building inspector, a study of traffic flow through town, an inventory of parking spaces, an analysis of existing "streetscapes" and development of recommendations.

Francis D. Foley Jr. of Pease Terrace told the Selectmen the town would have a much better basis for applying for large block grants if it is successful in obtaining the planning grant and implementing the project.

"After we get through with this, we'd have much better statistics," he said.

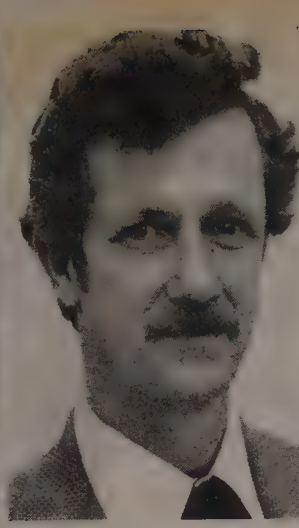
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William Murphy
Selectman



Joseph J. Castronova
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Daniel R. Sullivan
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John Dolan
School Committee



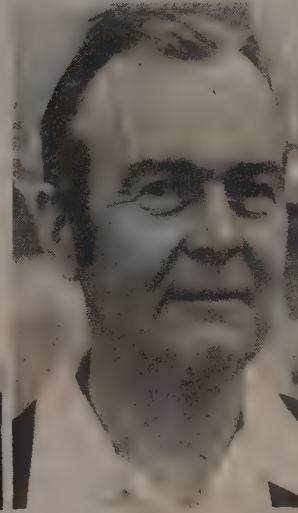
Joseph Puleri
School Committee



Mary Ellen McDonald
School Committee



John McDonald
Assessor



John Loring
Assessor

3 seek Lee Selectman's seat

LEE — A three-way race for a single Selectman's seat will highlight voting Monday as residents pick 10 town officers and 20 town meeting representatives.

In addition to the Selectman's race, there are contests for the School Committee, the Board of Assessors and four constables' positions.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Senior Center on Railroad Street.

The stage for the three-way Selectmen's seat was set early this spring when former Selectman Joseph J. Castronova threw his hat into the ring for the Democratic nomination for the position, which is now held by Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy. Daniel R. Sullivan subsequently announced he would run for the seat as an independent.

Murphy defeated Castronova 242-221 for the Democratic nomination at that party's March caucus. In April, however, Castronova took out papers to run as an independent, assuring a three-way contest.

The Democratic and Republican caucuses also yielded the three other contests. Democratic incumbents John H. Dolan and Joseph F. Puleri will be running for two School Committee seats against Republican nominee Mary Ellen McDonald of 95 Greylock St. Mrs. McDonald's husband, John J. McDonald, is running as a Republican against Democratic incumbent John E. Loring for Assessor.

In the race for four available constable's positions, Richard Hommes of Pleasant Street is

acting as chairman for the past year.

Murphy, 53, a 27-year resident of Lee, is employed at the Schweitzer Division of the Kimberly-Clark Corp. A New York City native, he has been treasurer and auditor of the SPINC credit union.

Murphy is a member of the executive committee of the Berkshire County Selectmen's Association, and has served on the advisory board for the county budget. He is general chairman of the union-management retirees party for the Schweitzer mills here, and has served as president, vice president, treasurer and auditor of Local 78 of the International Papermakers Union. A past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 314, he is a member of St. Mary's Church choir and a member of the Board of Governors of the Berkshire County Irish Association.

He and his wife, Dorothy, live on Summer Street. They have four children.

Joseph J. Castronova is making a bid for a second three-year term on the Board of Selectmen. Castronova, 42, stepped down from the board last year.

A life-long resident of Lee, he teaches welding at Taconic High School. He formerly worked as a welder at the Schweitzer Division of the Kimberly-Clark Corp. and was vice president of Local 78 there.

He and his wife, Dorothy, reside on Bradley Street and have three children.

Daniel R. Sullivan is also an independent candidate for a selectman's seat. Sullivan, 41, is a

Electric's ordnance systems division, Dolan is a retired Navy lieutenant commander.

During his term on the School Committee, Dolan has been a member of the budget subcommittee. He is a member of the administrative and finance committees of St. Mary's Church and is a lector and special minister of the eucharist.

He is a member of the Tri-State Alpine Racing Committee and president of the Lee Library Association. A native of Hingham, he and his wife, Jean Marie, have three children.

Joseph F. Puleri is running as a Democrat for a second three-year term on the School Committee. Puleri, 45, is a lithographer at Eaton Paper Co. and president of United Papermakers and Paperworkers Local 822.

A 1951 graduate of Lee High School, he is a U.S. Army veteran and past president of the Lee Veterans of Foreign Wars. He and his wife, Raffaella, live on Debra Avenue and have three children.

Mary Ellen McDonald is the Republican nominee for one of two available seats on the School Committee. A substitute teacher at Lee Central School and Lee High School, Mrs. McDonald is a native of Sioux City, Iowa.

She and her husband, John J. McDonald, and their four children have lived in Lee for the past six years. A graduate of Rosemont College in Pennsylvania, Mrs. McDonald has been a member of the Lee Visiting Nurse Association board of di-

rectors for two years and was director of the 1978 VNA Health Fair. She is a member of the Lee Library Book Acquisition Committee.

Mrs. McDonald has taught Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) classes for four years.

Assessor (Elect 1, 3 years)

John E. Loring is seeking his fourth three-year term on the Board of Assessors. Loring, 53, of 195 Prospect St., is a laboratory technician for the Mead Corp. He is vice president and member of the board of directors of the Hurlbut Federal Credit Union.

A Lee native and Lee High School graduate, he is a World War II veteran. He is a member of the Massachusetts Assessors Association. A licensed real estate salesman, he served as chairman of the Lee Board of Assessors for six years. He is in charge of the town's reserve police officers and is a director of the Blue Knights.

He is married to the former Dolores Browne of Long Island, N.Y. The couple have six children.

John J. McDonald is the Republican nominee for a seat on the Board of Assessors. A native of Manhasset, N.Y., McDonald and his wife, Mary Ellen, have lived in Lee for six years. He is chairman of the Republican Town Committee.

McDonald is making his first bid for municipal office. A graduate of St. Michael's College in Vermont, he is president of Academics Graphics Division of

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LISTENING to comments at hearing on proposed \$2.5 million budget for the Lee Public Schools is Lee School Committee Chairwoman Marguerite M. Tristany, standing. Seated from left to right are committee members John H. Dolan, Henry G. Greiner, Joseph F.

Puleri, Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger, and William F. Tyer. Standing at left are Michael Salinetti, Lee High School Student Council president, and Taylor Brennan, captain of the hockey team.

John S. Egan

6/21/79

Appeal blocks new housing in Lee's Tamarack Ave. area

LEE — The state Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) has accepted an appeal of a set of conditions issued by the Lee Conservation Commission for the construction of eight houses in a marshy area off Tamarack Avenue.

The area is bordered by East Center Street on the north, Tamarack Avenue and Abbey Court on the east and the ridge behind Lee High School on the west.

The decision means no work on the eight houses may begin until the DEQE has completed a review of the set of conditions. The houses are to be built by contractor John S. Booke of Brisson Building Corp.

"The DEQE will review the proposed activity pursuant to the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, and the work proposed in the notice of intent may not commence until a final order of conditions has been is-

sued," said Bernard A. Judware Jr. of William Parkway.

Judware is spokesman for a group of residents who filed the appeal to the state.

"We felt that insufficient study of drainage by authorities had been done," said Judware, explaining reasons for the appeal. "We felt at least a four-season study should be done. We felt also that test holes should be drilled in each lot to determine the area's suitability for houses with cellars."

The Conservation Commission May 21 ordered a set of conditions for the construction of the proposed eight houses.

The conditions include the replacement of flood storage areas that will be lost by the filling on three lots. It is intended the replace the lost flood storage area through excavation on four other lots.

Another requirement calls for

the construction of swales between lots 2 and 3 and 5 and 6.

Booke, Judware, Allen Weinberg of the DEQE and William F. Powers, chairman of the Lee Conservation Commission, toured the site of the proposed construction Tuesday.

According to Judware, Weinberg asked Booke to show on a detailed map the areas where flood storage will be lost and areas where swales will be located.

Residents of the Tamarack Avenue area told Weinberg they wanted the town to install storm drains on the street to improve an already-poor drainage situation. Weinberg told the residents "there was nothing he could do" to prevent the houses from being constructed, Judware said, but that he could prevent the existing drainage situation "from being made worse" by the construction of the houses.



John S. Egan
Edward M. Briggs

Lee Highway Dept. gets new foreman

LEE — Edward M. Briggs, the town's building inspector for the past nine years, has been named foreman of the town Highway Department.

Briggs, 43, assumes the \$14,500-a-year post Monday. He replaces David Williams as foreman. Williams will remain in the Highway Department as an equipment operator.

Under Briggs, the foreman's job will be more of a supervisory position than in the past, according to Department of Public Works Superintendent J. Peter Scoloro.

The DPW board voted to appoint Briggs to the post after a review of 14 applications.

A self-employed mason, Briggs has been the town's building inspector since 1970. He has served as president of the Berkshire County Building Inspectors' Association. A Lee native, he graduated from Lee High School in 1955.

Lee considers...

It's never too late to educate

State encourages high schools to enroll adults

By Gerald B. O'Connor

Seven years ago, when she enrolled as a senior at Lee High School, Margaret Daley was a marked exception to the rule.

At 27, she was 10 years older than nearly every one of her classmates. In addition, she was a married mother of three children, the oldest in 8th grade.

When she received her diploma, she was given a bouquet of roses and a standing ovation in a ceremony that one Lee parent remembered as the "most moving" he ever attended. Looking back on her delayed year in school, Mrs. Daley said, "I call it my golden year."

Enrollment of adults like Mrs. Daley in high school classes is not entirely unknown in public school systems in the Berkshires, or other Massachusetts communities, but it has not been common, educators say.

But now, by virtue of a new policy adopted by the state Board of Education, it is being officially encouraged in all sec-

ondary-education programs where space is available. "School committees, superintendents and principals are urged to allow adults to participate in the regular (daytime) secondary-education program," the new policy states.

It is a policy, said Thomas H. White, coordinator of the state's regional education office in Pittsfield, that "at least puts the board on record in favor of this,

which it hasn't done before. And it means that we can count adults as full-time students eligible for state reimbursement."

The policy was adopted at the board's May 30 meeting in Pittsfield. Prior to adoption, several board members said they endorse the concept because, for all students, the high school diploma represents a broader, more comprehensive course of study than does the state-spon-

sored "high school equivalency" certificate.

"Unfortunately," said state Education Commissioner Gregory R. Anrig, "many young people think the equivalency certificate and the diploma are the same. They are not, and I would hope that their parents know the difference."

Mrs. Daley concurred. "Equivalency exams are fine, but by going to school you get a lot more out of it."

In terms of practice in some Berkshire school systems, the state board is a Johnny-come-lately. At Lee High School, for example, adult enrollment in daytime classes has been actively encouraged for several years, said Principal Robert Lucy. "I think in the small school districts, where we know the people, we have a sense of commitment," he said.

The state policy "should be welcomed," said Jacob "Jack" Franklin of

Adults go back
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Joel Librizzi

PEDIATRIC NURSE Margaret Daley serves at Berkshire Medical Center. She continued her education to become a licensed practical nurse after earning late diploma at Lee High School seven years ago.

GE execut delays imj

General Electric's chief executive in Pittsfield today warned that the "well-intentioned opponents" of the Pyramid mall "could effectively kill the mall and this unique opportunity to revitalize our downtown."

In a letter to Mayor Paul E. Brindle III, Bruce O. Roberts, GE vice president and area executive, said he was "weary of the continued stalling of various groups and individuals."

"I hope the City Council will share the urgency of completing arrangements this summer, lest a national economic downturn turn later this year or continued inflation jeopardize the entire project," he said.

"While the concerns of all citizens must be factored into the decision process," Roberts added, "it is an inescapable fact that no major move forward for the best interests of the entire city can be accomplished without sacrifice on the part of

Lee registers adult students

LEE — The Lee public school system will begin registration for the fall semester of the adult education program today, program director Richard T. Salinetti has announced.

Registration for courses to be taught at the Senior Center will be held at the center today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to noon.

Registration for courses to be taught at Lee Library will be held at the library tomorrow from noon to 2 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration for all other classes will be held at Lee High School today, tomorrow, Friday and Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

All classes, which begin the week of Sept. 24, meet from 7 to 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Courses listed

The following courses, listed with the teachers, will be taught at Lee High School: American civilization, Mondays, William P. Polidoro; beginning wood-working, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Eugene Trombly; driver education, Mondays and Tuesdays, James Maroni; oil painting, Wednesdays, Lester J. Clarke; Italian I, Mondays, Anna Zaffarella; Italian II, Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Anna Zaffarella; Italian III, Tuesdays, 8:30 to 10 p.m., Anna Zaffarella.

Wednesdays, Philip O'Rourke; advanced typing, Mondays, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Patricia White; introduction to typing, Wednesdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Bruce Lorange, and practical writing, Tuesdays, Karen Schubert.

Also, reupholstery, Mondays, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Arthur Martin; beginning shorthand, Tuesdays, Kathleen Adamites; basic computer concepts, Wednesdays, Robert Feltre; fundamentals of investing, Thursdays, Louis E. Scaramuzzi, and standard first aid, Wednesdays, 7 to 10 p.m., Arthur Dutil.

Automotive repair, taught by Richard S. Ford, will meet at Ford's Garage on Wednesdays. Developmental reading, taught by Gerald Cookson, will meet at Lee Central School on Wednesdays.

Holiday crafts, taught by Holly Wroldson, will meet at the Senior Center on Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

Quilting, taught by Elizabeth Celli, will meet at the Lee Library on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Literary circle, taught by Lee Mills Applebaum,

will meet at the Lee Library on Wednesdays from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Career counseling will be available to evening students on Monday-Thursday evenings at the office of William Bourdon, by appointment.

Class sizes are limited and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, according to Salinetti. For Lee residents, a \$5 registration fee will be charged. This fee will be returned to students who attend at least 80 percent of their classes. Non-residents will be charged a non-refundable fee of \$10 for a 20-hour course and \$15 for a 30-hour course.

Also, holiday crafts I, Monday, Cynthia Richards; physical fitness, Mondays and Wednesdays, Alexis Lovato; sewing, Tuesdays, Deborah Hendershot; basic bookkeeping, Thursdays, Peter Warywoski; basic photography, Thursdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Robert D. Lohbauer; furniture repair and refinishing,

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LEE — A total of eight offices are available to be filled at the annual election May 12.

Six offices that carry three-year terms are up for election. The offices and incumbents: selectman, Lena B. Bettega; assessor, John J. Nagle; school committee, Marguerite M. Tris-

tany and William F. Tyer, and board of health, Dr. Charles W. Stratton.

Two five-year seats on the planning board, now held by Anne Marie Collins and James Kuneman, will be available. A five-year position on the housing authority, now held by Charles J. Driscoll, is also available.

Neither the Republican nor the Democratic town committees have yet set filing deadlines for candidates or dates for the annual caucuses, assistant Town Clerk Rena B. McCusker said.

The annual town meeting will be held May 8.

'Spoon River' to be staged at Lee church

LEE — The Lee Arts Center will sponsor a performance by the Becket Arts Center of the play "Spoon River" at the church.



John S. Egan

RENOVATION of three-story house at 195 Main Street in Lee is transforming a former residence to new headquarters for Lawrence V. Toole Insurance

Agency Inc. and Toole Real Estate Agency. Joseph M. Toole purchased the 19th century house for \$30,000 June 30.

Toole agencies buy new home

LEE — The Lawrence V. Toole Insurance Agency Inc. and Toole Real Estate Agency will move in September from their current office in the Park Building on Main Street to a recently-purchased house on Main Street, Joseph M. Toole, the agencies' owner, announced Friday.

The Park Building, built in 1914 by the late James T. Owens, was sold Aug. 1 by Mrs. James T. Noonan of Academy Street, one of Mr. Owens's daughters, to Michael Zabian, owner of the East Lee Package Store.

Toole, June 30 bought the three-story house on the east side of Main Street for \$30,000 from Lillian C. Mooney.

The house, constructed in the

late 19th century, is bordered on the south by the Lee Fire Station. Toole also purchased for \$13,500 a lot on the north side of the house from Gordon Leeman of East Street.

The house is now undergoing renovation "to restore it to the era of its construction and to reflect the decor and motifs of the late 19th century," Toole said.

The first floor of the building will house the insurance agency's personal and commercial insurance offices, a conference room, Toole's office and a reception room for the real estate agency. The second floor will contain the real estate sales office.

Other second-floor rooms are marked for future expansion of the insurance and real estate businesses.

A 4,500-square-foot parking area is being built on the lot next to the house.

Toole said he has not yet determined the exact date of his firms' relocation, but that it will be sometime in September. He has hired 11 area contractors to do the renovation.

The Lawrence V. Toole Insurance Agency Inc., started by Toole's father in 1936, has been headquartered in the Park Building on Main Street since 1939. Toole, who started the firm's realty division in 1973, purchased the insurance agency from his father in January.

The insurance agency em-

ployes three full- and part-time clerical workers. The real estate firm employs three full-time agents.

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John S. Egan

LEE LANDMARK, the 19th century Morgan House, is closing this Saturday. Story is on Page 1. Building faces Lee's Memorial Hall.



John S. Egan

CONCERNED CITIZEN Frederick W. Bell of West Park Street, Lee, chairman of Citizens for a Better Community, reviews committee suggestions on ways to solve problems associated with local youth at hearing at Lee Town Hall. Also standing, at extreme left, is Francis D. Foley Jr. of Lee.

Lee mulls youth center need

LEE — Two dozen persons crowded into the second-floor meeting room of the Town Hall last night to suggest ways to solve problems associated with some of the town's youth.

Several persons, including Town Democratic Committee Chairman Francis D. Foley and two young residents who run a basketball league, suggested that the town sponsor an activities center for youth.

The meeting was the second public discussion of the town's youth in the last six months. Last night's meeting was requested by Frederick W. Bell, chairman of the Citizens for a Better Community — a study committee that grew out of a meeting last November.

The majority of those attending last night's meeting were parents. "The matters concerning us most greatly are those problems that have been typical of summer months in Lee in the past," said Bell. "Harassment at the Adams parking lot" and "loitering and broken bottles" at the Town Park and the parking lot of the Price Chopper, as well as groups "loitering on the corner" are problems that concern many residents, Bell said.

"We find one of our greatest needs is for a juvenile probation officer to serve full time," he continued. The county probation office recently assigned a juvenile probation officer to work out of an office in the Town Hall five days a week.

Bell suggested, however, that while the Selectmen have offered the juvenile probation officer space in a basement room with an entrance from Main Street, the board in the future ought to make space available inside the building.

"It should be an office within the confines of the Town Hall," so that persons going to see the juvenile probation officer could not be observed entering the office by pedestrians on Main Street, he suggested.

The problem with loitering in the Adams parking lot has diminished, Bell said, since 10 youths were brought into court for show-cause hearings on possible trespassing charges. Judge John J. Dwyer continued the hearings but warned the youths that formal charges would be brought if they congregated at the site.

John Toole and Kevin Morandi, directors of the Lee Community Junior Basketball League, suggested that the town sponsor an activities center.

"I've worked with youth for the past eight to 10 years," said Morandi. "Many parents have come to me expressing backing for a youth center. I'd like to see a youth center."

Selectman John E. DeVarennes said Pittsfield and Dalton both have community-funded youth centers, but "they still have problems with kids on the street."

Diane Gaul of Fairview Street said there were more facilities and activities in Lee for youth two decades ago than there are today.

"We had five places in town 20 years ago, when I was in high school," she said. The now-defunct facilities included a youth center in the Town Hall "open to 8:30 on school nights and 10:30 on weekends," a Catholic Youth Center, a movie theater, a bowling alley in the center of town and a couple of snack bars.

"I think what we need to do is sink our money into a facility," said Toole. "A facility with a full-time person who understands kids and activities and the problems that kids are having."

Foley said he favored "a community organization to meet the needs of youth."

"I think you can make it work this time," he said. "What's different now is that you have the complete support of civic clubs. The courts are interested. The full cooperation of the police. A new organization in the Catholic Church which supports it. I think the only thing you're missing now, again, is parents. We really need the support of parents."

Foley suggested that a committee be formed, partially from the concerned citizens group, and from youth organizations, to study the creation of such a community organization.

Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy said "We've got to talk to the younger generation to see what it wants."

DeVarennes warned that the community in the past had failed to fund expanded recreational facilities and would probably do so again.

"When it comes down to the wire and it's going to hit the pocketbook — another \$15 on the tax bill — you'll find the townspeople aren't interested," he said. The town had vetoed plans for a new Central School building that would have included a community swimming pool, he said.

"When the chips are down," he said. "The town is very hard to convince to spend that kind of money."

Diane Kadanoff is Dalton librarian



Dorothy W. Chapman
Diane Kadanoff
Up from Cumberland

a bachelor's degree in library science from Simmons College and a master's degree from the University of Illinois.

In announcing her appointment, Harry P. Stedman, chairman of the Librarian Search Committee, said there were 14 applicants for the position.

Other members of the search committee were Nancy C. Johnson, Mary E. Poopor and Walter R. Gehring.

Ms. Kadanoff, in a letter to the committee, said in her last position she knew about 75 percent of the patrons of the Cumberland Public Library. That facility is a 60,000-volume library serving a population of 25,000. As assistant director there, Ms. Kadanoff was responsible for planning and coordination of objectives, policies and services. She supervised a staff of 15.

She was recently a delegate to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services which was established by an Act of Congress.

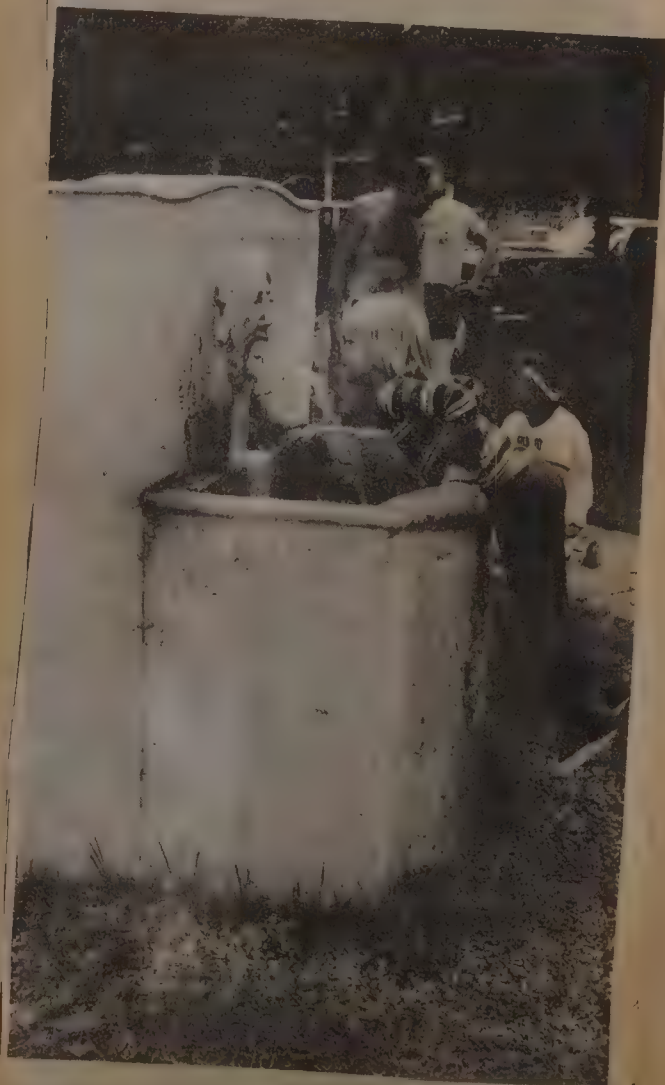
She is a member of Beta Phi Mu, honorary society.

Ms. Kadanoff has lived in Denmark, England and Switzerland for various periods and has traveled extensively in most of Western Europe and in the Soviet Union.

DALTON — Diane G. Kadanoff has assumed her duties as librarian of the Dalton Free Public Library. In the post since mid-July, she succeeds Anne W. Callahan, who was librarian for 11 years before she retired.

Ms. Kadanoff, a native of Boston, was assistant director of the Cumberland (R.I.) Public Library from 1972-1978. She holds

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Avice Meehan

GETTING READY to take a drink from the fountain in the Lee's First Congregational Church park is J.C. Ruid, daughter of Jeanne C. and John O. Ruid of 2 Pease Terrace, Lee. In the background, runners are preparing for the "Save-the-Steeple" race Sunday morning.



John S. Egan

PATCHWORK QUILT is displayed by the Episcopal Churchwomen of St. George's Church in Lee. From left to right are Barbara Guttormsen, Diana Peccon, Charlotte Davis, Priscilla Cuene, Marjorie Kegler,

Eloise Sloan and Marcia Noyes. The quilt, which features a Dresden Plate design, took three months for the churchwomen to complete. It will be raffled off during Lee Sale-aboration Days, Aug. 17-19.

Area Church Services



Mark Mitchell

ST. GEORGE'S Church, Episcopal, Franklin Street, Lee.

Retired Lee policeman is still in harness

LEE — Although James M. Holian retired from the Lee Police Department several months ago, he remains a familiar face to motorists passing by stretches of roadway that have been disrupted by Lee's \$5.9 million sewer job.

Holian, a young-looking 56, says he intends to stick with his work as a traffic patrolman on road construction projects. He admits that he likes the work.

Holian was honored April 4 at a Lenox House dinner sponsored

by members of the Lee Police Department, family and friends. More than 160 persons attended.

More than 30 years

The Lee native retired in November after completing more than 30 years on the Lee Police Department. He is only the second man to ever put in that much service.

The other was former Officer Adelard J. Laliberte, who retired in January 1978.

Holian joined the Lee police force March 2, 1948, one month after Laliberte. The two officers were the first Civil Service appointees to the force, which had been operated single-handedly by Chief Walter Bosidy for many years.

A member of the Lee High School Class of 1942, Holian played center on his school's basketball team. The team won the annual small school tournament at Massachusetts State College his senior year.

After graduation from high school, Holian joined the U.S. Navy and served until 1946, taking part in the Allied invasion of Normandy on D-Day.

A former head of the Western Massachusetts Safety Council,



John S. Egan
James M. Holian

Holian worked mainly on the night shift during his last 20 years on the Lee Police Department.

He and his wife, the former Christine Rose, have four daughters and one son.

60% of UE mem back on jobs un

By Dorothy W. Chapman

DALTON — Sixty percent of the workers belonging to the 400-member United Electrical Workers Union Local 212 were back on the job today after the ratification of a three-year contract with management of the E.D. Jones Division of Beloit Corp. on Tuesday, according to a company spokesman.

The return to the jobs marks the end of a 10-week strike which began on June 6 when company workers walked off the job in a wage dispute. The 10-week strike included intervention by a federal mediator and grueling negotiation sessions which came to an end on Monday afternoon.

The rank and file voted 235-94 to accept the three-year pact during a membership meeting here Tuesday morning at the American Legion.

The contract provides for wage increases of 8.5 percent for the first year, or an average of 50 cents per hour; 7 percent for the second year with a cost of living adjustment and a flat 20 cents an

hour plus possible cost up to a maximum of 8 1980, and another flat 20 Dec. 15, 1980.

The average hourly rate for workers is now \$6.40. It was \$5.40 at the start of the strike.

Company officials said 95 percent of the clerical workers already been recalled and 90 percent of the technical workers are also on the job. All workers will be back by Tuesday. The average hourly rate of production and maintenance workers will be scattered with a return to the job within a month.

Under the new contract for incentive workers will be paid \$7.65 for time and a half for overtime work. The over those workers, including day work, will go from \$4.00 to \$5.00 an hour.

One of the issues which union President Alfred A. Brodie has called a "stumbling block" to the new contract is the state's attempt to remove the sign after they put up the state signs, but they did not live up to the agreement, so neither will I," Brodie said Kelly.

Brodie balks at sign

By John S. Egan

NEW ASHFORD — Brodie Mountain Ski Area is considering seeking a restraining order to prevent the state from enforcing an order to remove an entrance sign on a strip of land whose ownership is a matter of controversy, attorney Andrew T. Campoli said this morning.

James W. Kelly, owner of

the state to remove the sign after they put up the state signs, but they did not live up to the agreement, so neither will I," Brodie said Kelly. Kelly, and Campoli, Brodie attorney, maintain the state promised to erect four signs on Route 7 that would be the same size as signs put up earlier in the year for rival ski area Jimminy

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John S. Egan

PLAYING an open-air concert in the Lee Town Park is the Pittsfield Community Band, directed by Robert

R. Briggs, standing. Concert was last night. Band will play Pittsfield's Berkshire Common tonight at 7:30.

Strong support for sewer seen in Stockbridge Bowl residents

By Kevin T. Knobloch

STOCKBRIDGE — Oscar G. Peterson, president of the Lenstock Association in Beachwood, said yesterday an informal poll of about 30 people there shows strong support for the construc-

but said he was "all in favor" for Beachwood to have sewers. "If I felt there was any kind of health hazard of the Heights, I would be the first to advocate the construction of sewers there," he said.

voters from a group of primarily vacation-home owners, said he plans to vote for the construction of sewer extensions in Beachwood at Monday's meeting.

Peterson, who said he was one of three registered voters in the

group he represented, said he feels now is the time to clear up health hazards in Beachwood.

The Lenstock Association has 73 paid members and represents some 100 homeowners in Beachwood, he said.



FORMER RECORD SHOP has been converted into a fruit and produce outlet by Matthew "Guido" Masiero. The Lee resident boasts of one of the most ex-

tensive inventories of assorted fruits and produce around.

Lynne A. Daley

Lee man picks South St. shop for new fruit, produce outlet

By Joan S. Kass

The long-vacant, attractive building at 910 South St., proved to be just the spot Matthew "Guido" Masiero of Lee had in mind when he set out to locate his latest effort in the world of business.

The massive overhanging roof on the front of the building gave him the chance to open a fruit and vegetable stand that looks very much like an open-air market.

Masiero has stocked it to the rafters with every type of produce available in this part of the country.

As Masiero, a Lee native, had worked in similar type markets in the Boston area during his high school and college years,

he was no stranger to the business. Coupled with a growing disenchantment with the world of big business which seemed to be making everybody rich except himself, Masiero decided now was the time to strike out on his own.

While his initial foray into selling flowers in Lenox met with resistance from other greenhouses there, the young businessman has only high marks for Pittsfield where his venture was a little easier to realize.

A little grounds cleaning outside, and some floor sweeping inside were just about all that was necessary before he could move into the former home of the Berkshire Record Outlet.

The building, vacant for the past two years, was just the right layout and the location could not have been better, "far enough from the center of town and still on a very busy highway," as Masiero puts it. And the large parking lot was a real bonus, too, he added.

Making quick work of patching together display counters for inside and out, he was also able to make connections with suppliers from Albany and Springfield. Every day Masiero and his refrigerated trailer bring in all manner of fruit and produce — four kinds of lettuce, three kinds of peppers, two varieties of beans and even coconuts and avocados.

There are also available six

types of potatoes, four kinds of onions, three varieties of squash and apples, and watermelons, cherries, scallions, pears, eggplants, carrots and Swiss chard galore. At the moment, only strawberries from Lee are native, but he expects a crop of Southwick corn to be available within the next few weeks.

Masiero plans to keep his business open through Christmas this year, always offering what is native in season. Store hours are everyday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays until 9 p.m.

Masiero, a graduate of the Wentworth Institute, is single and resides now in Lee with his cousins, the Burrato family, who help him out in the store.

Father Gagan to mark 50th anniversary

LEE — The Rev. Joseph F. Gagan, former pastor of St. Mary's Church here and in Otis and St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Cheshire, will celebrate his golden jubilee as a priest May 27 at the 11 a.m. mass at the Lee church.

A reception will follow at 1:30 at the Lenox House in Lenox. Tickets to the reception, which are limited in number, will be on sale at McClelland's Drug Store here until May 15.

A Worcester native, Father Gagan was pastor of the Cheshire church from 1953 to 1955, St. Thomas' Church in Huntington from 1955 to 1963 and the Lee and Otis churches from 1963 until his retirement in 1977.

He was ordained May 25, 1929, at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield by Bishop Thomas M. O'Leary.



Tom McInerney
Pittsfield High



Mike Cirone
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WIMBLEDON, England (UPI) — Opening day at Wimbledon was anything but traditional Monday with Americans Vitas Gerulaitis and Arthur Ashe among three seeded players to lose, top-seed Bjorn Borg coming dangerously near to a shocking exit and an unprecedented security operation policing the hallowed grounds.

Almost as surprising was that second-seeded John McEnroe was on his best behavior and raised not a single fuss in easily crushing fellow American Terry Moor 7-5, 6-1, 6-4, in a match stretched out to almost three hours because of rain.

Shocking results

The most shocking results were the twin defeats of Gerulaitis, the No. 4 seed, and Ashe, the 1975 Wimbledon champion, who was seeded seventh.

Gerulaitis, winner of the Italian Open last month, lost to fellow American Pat Dupre 7-6, 6-3, 3-6, 3-6, 6-3 in 3 hours and 10 minutes, while Ashe, suffering through as disappointing a match as he has ever had, was victimized by Australian Chris Kachel, 6-4, 7-6, 6-3.

"He just played better than I did today, that's all I can say," said Ashe, who beat Kachel only two weeks ago in the opening round at Queens Club.

"I didn't play well, he served well, returned well in spots, and got ahead in the tiebreaker."

Kachel, who is ranked only 23rd in his country and has been confined to playing on the satellite tour, attacked Ashe's forehand, and admitted later he hadn't even bothered to look at the draw to see who he might play in the second round.

The 24-year old Dupre, born in Belgium and now living in La Jolla, Calif., was troubled with a wildly erratic service being charged with 28 double faults, including four in one game.

But his nerve was steadier in the final set even after Gerulaitis had rallied from two sets down.

Warriors' A.J. Schnopp heads All-Berkshire tennis squad

By Andy Holden

Underclassmen dominate the 1979 Eagle All-Berkshire tennis team, with four of the six singles players belonging to high school sophomore or junior classes.

Wahconah ace A.J. Schnopp was the only unanimous first team singles selection. Schnopp was chosen by six of a possible six league coaches for the first team. Mount Greylock was the only team not to participate in the voting, in which coaches could not cast ballots for their own players. Schnopp was joined on the first team by Matt Jarck of Hoosac Valley and Kyle Tong of Mount Greylock.

The Greylock duo of Rick Smith and Ken Taylor was named to the doubles first team along with Mike Cirone and Tom McInerney of Pittsfield High.

Split with Jarck

Schnopp, a senior, recorded a superlative 12-1 mark for the Warriors this spring, splitting a pair of confrontations with Jarck. Schnopp had dropped only two matches during his jun-

ior year. He is headed for Berkshire Community College this fall.

Jarck, a junior, received five first team votes, but was left off one ballot entirely. He compiled a 10-2 record, bowing only to Schnopp and Tong. Jarck led the Hurricanes to a 13-1 season and a share of the league title with Pittsfield High.

Tong, a senior slowed by a knee operation that sidelined him for all of last season, had a solid season that included the victory over Jarck. He will attend Bowdoin College in the fall.

Pittsfield High had two players — Steve Moynahan and John Schwartz — on the second singles team. Moynahan, a junior, had his best effort in a strong 7-6, 6-3 win over Tong, while sophomore Schwartz reached the third round of the Western Mass. boys tournament, the furthest any Berkshire County player went.

The third singles player named to the second team was Monument Mountain's Brian Miller, who took Schnopp to

three sets in his best effort this spring.

Honorable mention

Those earning honorable mention include Dan Hayden and Mark Lavigne of Hoosac Valley, Western Mass. girls' champion Debbie Desgroseilliers of Pittsfield High, Jay Mortensen of Lee and Jim Putzu of Taconic.

The doubles team of Taylor and Smith was instrumental in Greylock's third-place finish in the league. They received four first team votes out of a possible seven. Cirone, a junior, and McInerney, a senior, were next

with three first team ballots. The duo dropped only one match during the league season. McInerney also received two other first-team votes matched with teammates other than Cirone.

The second team doubles consists of Hoosac Valley freshman Wendy Schwartz and junior Mike Moileur, who were 7-2 playing together, and Lee co-captains George Inglis and John Wellspeak.

Honorable mention doubles teams included John Fenn and Greg Schnopp of Wahconah and Bob Monteleone and Peter Foss of Taconic.

Paul Brindle League results

Frosty overcame a 6-1 deficit to beat Sons of Italy 11-9 in a Southern Division game. Jay Panetti had three hits, including a homer and a double, while Larry Polaro had two hits for the winners. Bev Smith scored the winning run. For Sons of

Italy, Ray Bowmar and Eric Blau each had two hits. Jim Dahrouge belted a triple and

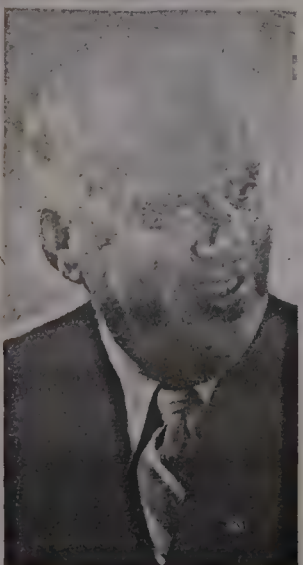
Paul Lucidi had a double and two RBIs.

Sons of Italy did beat Highland-Stetson 4-1 with Lucidi giving up just four hits while walking one and striking out five on the mound. Blau had a triple while Bill Flynn had a double and two RBIs. Kevin Pedraja paced the losers with two hits. Steve Coco had a base hit and two stolen bases.

Tremblay is victorious in IVC

Hayes concludes 61 years service at Lee bank

LEE — Edmund A. Hayes of 59 Summer St. ended 61 years of service to Lee National Bank



Edmund A. Hayes

Tuesday by stepping down as a bank director.

Hayes, 80, a former bank vice president and cashier, was presented with a plaque at the bank's annual meeting by President William A. Napolitano and Frank P. Consolati, chairman of the board of directors.

A Lee native, Hayes started with the bank in 1917 as an individual-ledger bookkeeper. He became a teller in 1934 and assistant cashier in 1942. He succeeded the late Norman S. Maciver as cashier in 1951 and was elected to the board of directors in 1962. He retired as vice president and cashier in 1965.

He has been a member of the town's Capital-Outlay Committee and the Youth Activities Committee. He is a former grand knight and 50-year member of the Berkshire Hills Coun-

cil, Knights of Columbus, and is also a member of the Tri-Town Rotary Club. For many years he was chairman of the cancer drive in Lee. He is a director of the Connecticut Valley Girl Scout Council. He sang for many years in St. Mary's Church choir and performed in local minstrel shows.

He is married to the former Marie I. O'Connell. They have four children — Mrs. Patricia A. Plourde and Miss Catherine E. Hayes, both of Lee, and Mrs. William Morrissey of Lenox and Edmund J. Hayes of Schenectady, N.Y.

Lee bowling

Tri-Town Mixed high single string: Charlie Mindle 222, Henry Loring 215, Peter Scollaro 205.

High three string: Charlie Mindle 584, Henry Loring 546, Peter Scollaro 541.

Charles J. Donahoe

A concelebrated Liturgy of Christian Burial for Charles J. Donahoe Jr. of Lee was held yesterday morning at St. Mary's Church in Lee.

Principal celebrant was the Rev. James J. Scahill, associate pastor of St. Mary's Church. He was assisted by the Rev. Edward J. Kroyak, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in Westfield.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery. Offering prayers at the grave were Father Scahill, assisted by Father Kroyak and the Rev. Sean Horgan, assistant pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Springfield, formerly of Lee, and the Rev. Joseph Fennell, Society of Jesus.

There was a delegation present from the Lee Library Association.

Bearers were Raymond B. Murray and J. Murray Tracy, both of Stockbridge, and Dr. William K. Collins, John J. McDonald, Charles M. Tacy and Robert Lucy, all of Lee.

"LJ Anthony says, 'We've got a little bit of EVERYTHING'"

Hello there!



John S. Egan

LATEST EFFORT of Lee High School house-building program is this Cape Cod-style structure, located at the corner of William Parkway and East Street in Lee. From left to right are the program's students, Scott

Swartz, James Crandall, Ron Kearin, Greg Poulin, Thomas Smachetti, James Shea. Program coordinator Robert Mazur is in center. Open house of the structure will be held today from 1 to 4 p.m.

Lee High students construct third demonstration house

By John S. Egan

LEE — Students in Lee High School's house-building program this week completed the third house to be constructed since the program began six years ago.

The house, a two-story Cape Cod-style structure, was the program's most ambitious project to date, according to Robert Mazur, program coordinator.

Located at the corner of East Street and William Parkway,

the structure took two years to build.

Area residents today will get a chance to view the handiwork of the house-building program participants, at an open house at the structure from 1 to 4 p.m.

Financing was provided by the Lee Savings Bank. The bank has placed the building on the market for \$47,500.

Lee High School drafting students drew the house plans. The footings and foundations were poured in May 1977. The Cape

Cod design proved to be particularly challenging to house-building program students, Mazur said. Earlier projects included the construction of a ranch-style house and a split-level dwelling.

Abilities tested

The angled roofline and the addition of a dormer window tested the students' abilities as carpenters. "It was a difficult house to build," said Mazur. "But it's a learning experience for the kids."

The first floor is composed of a dining room, living room, study, full bathroom and kitchen, with built-in handmade cabinets. On the second floor are two large bedrooms and another bathroom.

Energy efficiency was a watchword in construction of the dwelling, Mazur said. Insulation, with an insulating factor of R-13,

was installed in all walls. Factor R-19 insulation went into the attic. Each floor is also insulated.

A chimney, with flue outlets in the basement and in the living room, was constructed with an eye to the possible installation of wood stoves by the owner.

Students who helped complete the house-building project's newest house come away at the end of the year with a real sense of achievement, according to James Gralla, occupational-education director for the Lee public schools. Many also come away with jobs.

Nine of the 13 seniors who graduated from last year's house-building program have jobs in the construction field, Gralla said. This year, seven of the 13 seniors who graduated less than a month ago already have employment in the that field.

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Have you ever met a lady who got et by a **ALLIGATOR?**

Doris and Gordon Steadman (he is a Lee native) can smile now when they discuss their experience with an alligator. They even feel sorry for the poor beast, who paid with his life for his good taste.

By Milton R. Bass

LAST FALL, my wife and I spent two glorious days at a South Carolina resort named Kiawah Island, and I wrote a piece about the experience.

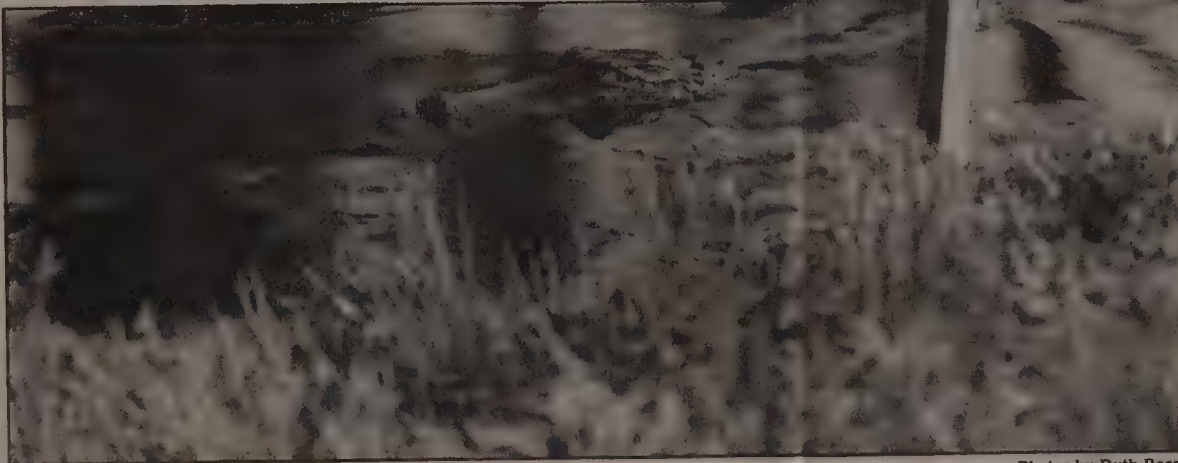
Shortly thereafter, I received a letter from a man named Gordon (Skip) Steadman, which revealed that he was "a former Eagle newsboy from Lee who hefted no less than 110 papers from Main Street to Highlawn Farm in Lenox in the late 1940s and early '50s and who is now fortunate to be the vice president for construction for the Kiawah Island Company."

After his graduation from the University of Massachusetts in 1960, Gordon spent nearly 10 years with the Army Corps of Engineers, both in Korea and Vietnam, and then resigned his commission to help develop a new resort community at Amelia Island Plantation in northern Florida.

In 1974, the Kuwait Development Co. bought Kiawah and hired Gordon to help develop the "wild, virgin low-country island."

Gordon was very proud of how beautiful and unspoiled the island was even after \$60 million worth of development and wrote that he was looking forward in the next few years to the development of "a quayside village with a marina complex on the Kiawah River, a new Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course, a sports village for golf and tennis enthusiasts and the future development of a first- and second-home community."

"My wife, Doris, and I would thoroughly enjoy 'showing off' Kiawah Island to Berkshire folks who might decide to



Photos by Ruth Bass

The water holes at the Kiawah Island golf course are marked with signs for obvious reasons.

vacation here in the future if they could let me know they're coming 'down South.' "

In the very next mail I received a brochure from Kiawah telling about their new home rental program and saying that a three-bedroom house was available for the spring-fall rate of \$440 for a week. One cannot fight coincidences like this and we booked the house.

However, the day before we left there was another letter from Gordon stating that he was overjoyed that we were coming, but that our arrival would mark his departure because he was joining a primary home building company in Richmond, Va. Even though I was somewhat put off that Gordon had made this move without consulting us first, we headed South anyway.

Our house turned out to be a thing of beauty, exquisitely furnished by the two couples from Ohio who owned it, complete with sheets, towels, soap, washer, dryer and air conditioning. We were right across from the beach, which is one of the most magnificent vistas of pure white sand in the world, and the weather was not only perfect but we also heard on the radio that it was rainy and cold at home, lagniappe of the most satisfying kind.

The Steadmans came to call that night, a kind of hail and farewell, and they filled us in on the best places to visit and eat and et cetera.

But the most interesting thing was about the alligator. The water holes of the Kiawah golf course have alligators as residents, and we had inquired if this were dangerous. A tour guide had in-

formed us that they were not dangerous at all, that they had been known to eat dogs whose barking annoyed them, and the only person ever bitten was a lady tourist who had disregarded the warning sign and stepped into the pond.

"That was no lady tourist," said Gordon. "That was my wife."

We all looked at Doris Steadman in wonder.

"It's true," she laughed. "I was the one who was bitten. But we were both in the water hole and we were looking for his ball."

It had happened two years before when the resort had been open only a week. Gordon had hit his ball into the water hole, and they had both taken off their shoes and socks and gone in after it.

Because of their upper overhang, al-

ligators cannot bite you head-on but have to turn on their side. Gordon saw the long white belly coming and thought to himself what a large fish for such a small pond when BOOM! it hit Doris.

She thought she had been whacked rather than bitten, but when they scrambled up the bank and looked, there was a huge gash on the back of her right leg and 17 tooth marks on the front.

Gordon knew that the only first aid kit was at the resort swimming pool so he hurried her over there. Among the guests were two doctors — a brain surgeon and a psychiatrist. The surgeon treated the wound as best he could from the kit and the psychiatrist told her not to worry.

The hospital in Charleston, 20 miles away, was called to advise them of what was coming, and Gordon bundled Doris into the car and headed for the mainland. The first bridge they encountered was not only open, it was stuck open. After waiting 45 minutes, Gordon pulled the car out of line and drove through the fields to get to the road to the other bridge that leads off the island.

You're absolutely right! This bridge was open to let a sailboat through, and the sailboat was still a half mile away in a very light breeze.

After what seemed forever, the sailboat came through, the bridge closed, the 20 miles were covered and the hospital was reached.

The reception couldn't have been bigger if it was Billy Carter coming in to dry out. None of the doctors, nurses, technicians, hall sweepers or whatever had ever seen an alligator bite and they were not about to pass up the opportunity.

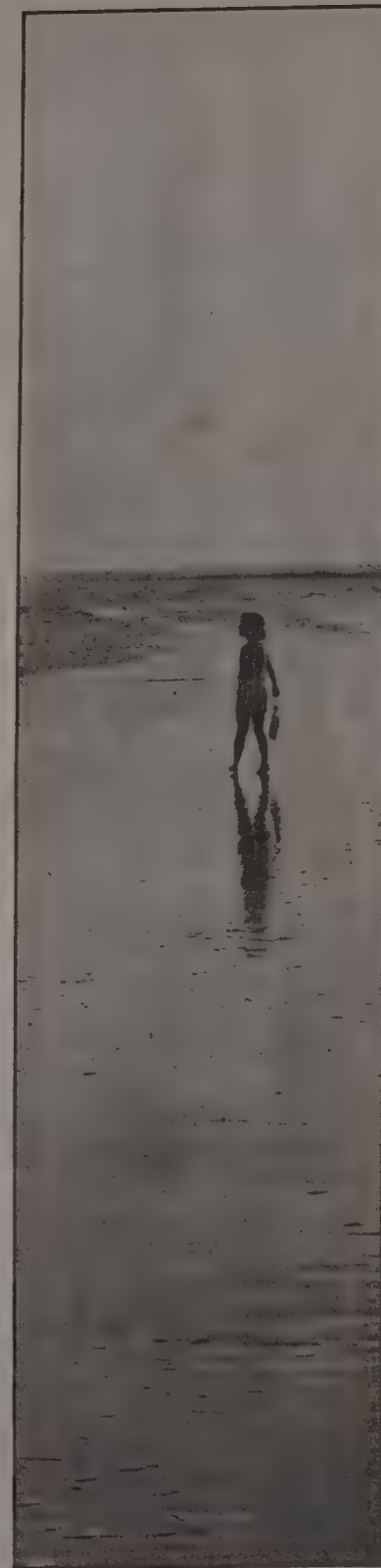
The big question was whether an alligator can transmit rabies, but luckily there was a doctor present who for some reason or other had done research on alligators, and he stated positively that they did not transmit rabies. That's one good thing you can say about alligators if you feel you have to say something good about alligators — they don't transmit rabies.

Doris's leg is just fine now. I can vouch for that because our whole family inspected it carefully. If you would like to see for yourself, the Steadmans visit Gordon's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart D. Steadman of Lee, sometimes. Call and make an appointment. Tell them Milt sent you.

The rogue alligator was done away with, and there hasn't been an incident on Kiawah since then. There are still alligators around the water holes (see photo), but they confine themselves to flora (lower case) and fauna and fish and dogs.

Other than this small hint of adventure, Kiawah is a perfect place for a vacation. It has the most beautiful sand beach I have ever seen, some 14 miles long, and the sea breeze is from Olympus.

In addition, all the houses that are for rent are practically new, ranging from two to four bedrooms. Further details may be obtained by writing Ernie Middleton, Kiawah Island Home Rentals, P.O. Box A-150, Kiawah Island, S.C. 29455. The phone is 803-559-2421. But don't tell them Milt sent you. I think one of their towels got into one of our suitcases by mistake.



The beaches at Kiawah are long and wide and shell collectors have a field day if they play their tides right.

Lee restaurateurs transform downtown home into restaurant

By John S. Egan

LEE — A team of well-known area restaurateurs have transformed a stately downtown residence into an even more stately restaurant.

The restaurant — the Victoria — opened this week.

Located in a house formerly owned by Mrs. Louise Hollister, the restaurant is situated between the Cumberland Farms Store and the Tru-Value Tire Co. on Park Street. Louis D. Schroeter, former owner of the Morgan House, purchased the property last fall.

Winter and spring

After a winter and spring of renovation, Schroeter and his wife, Doris, turned over the property to Mr. and Mrs. James K. Kelley of 47 Center St. Under a lease agreement, Kelley, a former Morgan House chef, and his wife, Mary, are the restaurant's sole proprietors.

The impact of the renovation hits a visitor as he turns his car off Park Street and travels to a parking area at the rear of the structure.

Hanging plants accentuate the house's broad front porch. A stenciled glass window on the front door greets the visitor.

Inside, an entrance foyer offers hooks for coats. A stairway leads upstairs to restrooms and a front room full of antiques.

Formal dining rooms

Immediately off the entrance foyer is the first of two formal dining rooms. A fireplace dominates one wall. Flowers on the mantle and crisp white table cloths lend an air of elegance.

A second, larger room, which once functioned as a billiards room, offers the same re-



John S. Egan

DINING ROOM of new Victoria Restaurant in Lee offers a bright and airy spot for lunch. At table on right is H.A. Johansson of Lee.

strained and tasteful atmosphere.

For less formal dining, the structure's former library has been turned into a combination dining room and bar.

The room is paneled with thin vertical strips of wood. Overhead are more wood strips and heavy wooden beams. Colored light comes in through three stained-glass windows.

Brass top

The brass top of the bar gleams in the light. The Schro-

ter's son, Louis J. Schroeter III, fabricated the bar and brass bar rail. Nearby is a large fireplace.

A stairway at the rear of the room leads to a private upstairs dining room, restrooms and a foyer.

A visitor to the foyer may do a double take: on the floor is a painting of a rug, with one corner folded back. The "painted rug," which was Mrs. Schroeter's idea, was executed by artist Kevin Therrien of Pittsfield. Therrien also painted signs for the restaurant.

Salvaged mirror

On one wall near the "painted rug" is a large mirror, salvaged from a former Main Street house that was torn down this spring.

Many pieces of furniture in the house date from the Victorian era. The stained-glass windows in the bar area and a second-floor stenciled window were commissioned to replace conventional windows.

"We tried to keep it in the Victorian theme throughout," says Schroeter. "The wallpaper and



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PROPRIETORS of the new Victoria Restaurant on Park Street in Lee are Mr. and Mrs. James K. Kelley of Lee.

the colors of paint are all in the Victorian style."

The restaurant's cuisine contains a variety of French and American recipes, according to Kelley.

Started at 14

The head chef, who has over 30 years' of restaurant experience, got his start at age 14 with a one-day job at a Hampton, N.H., eatery. His resume includes stints at the Publick House in Sturbridge, the Red Lion Inn, the Holiday Inn in

Lenox, the Under Mountain Inn in Salisbury, Conn., and the Morgan House.

Prices of meals range from \$2.50 to \$5.50 for lunch and from \$6.50 to \$12.50 for dinner. The Victoria is open from 11:30 to 2:30 and 5:30 to 9:30 on Monday through Wednesday and Friday and Saturday.

The restaurant, which is closed on Thursdays, serves brunch only on Sundays, from 11:30 to 3:30.

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"THREE THUMBNAILS" doesn't refer to manicures. It's the provocative title of R.W. Smith's new book about historic Lee, which contains three thumbnail sketches of the town. An earlier book called "Town Talk" also was about Smith's hometown.

"Three Thumbnails" tells about "The River," "The Mountain" and "The Pond." The author digresses slightly from Lee a few times, once to explain how Lake Mahkeenac acquired its more popular name of the Bowl. The original, perhaps Indian, name of Mahkeenac, was too complicated for the white man. Since the lake is mountain-enclosed, writer Catharine Sedgwick of Stockbridge renamed it Stockbridge Bowl, soon shortened to "the Bowl." Near Interlaken lies Stockbridge reservoir which Smith finds started out as Mountain Mirror, then became Lake Averic and now is called Echo Lake; no fishing, no swimming, no nothing.

Ironically, Lee's firehouse stands on a tract once called the Burnt District. In 1880, the Phelps Block burned, and for 30 years, the site stood empty. Townspeople called it the Burnt District until the firehouse and the big white Mooney house next to it were constructed.

Lee always means "paper-making" in our mind. It was surprising, therefore, to read that powder also had been manufactured there, starting in 1817 when a mill was built on the main street south of the bridge. The powder was used in blasting for the many canals being built around the country. Business boomed in more ways than one. Powder-making makes for explosions; there were many small ones in the mill until November 1823 when two men died in a blast, and the next September, five tons of powder blew up. Four men died, the building was demolished and nearby property damaged. The mill was never rebuilt.

During this period, a second powder mill operated in South Lee. It stood on a brook. In December 1824, it also exploded, killing two men. Rebuilt, it continued until 1845 when another blast killed a man, and it closed for good. But the nearby stream still is called Powder Mill Brook.

"Three Thumbnails" is on sale at the Village Country Store in Lee, England's in Pittsfield and the Book Loft, Great Barrington. It was printed by the Studley Press, Dalton.

RICHARD V. HAPPEL



John S. Egan

HELIUM BALLOON gets passed from Lee Price Chopper employee Patrick Bassi to toddler and friend.

The grocery store quickly distributed its supply of 2,000 balloons yesterday, the first day of the Lee Sale-bration.

Pedestrians throng Lee streets as 1st Sale-bration Days begin

By John S. Egan

LEE — Hundreds of pedestrians crowded the sidewalks of Main Street all day long and into the evening yesterday as the first Lee Sale-bration Days got under way.

Merchants dragged tables from inside their stores out into the bright sunshine. Music from a calliope in front of the Price Chopper parking lot drifted up and down the street. Shoppers elbowed their way in close to tables to inspect marked-down merchandise.

A 5-cent ice cream booth in front of McClelland's Drug Store drew customers in rows three deep. The Price Chopper had given away its supply of 2,000 helium balloons by 2 p.m. After dark, a crowd of 300 persons filled a tent at the Tru-Value parking lot for an auction put on by the Tri-Town Rotary Club.

Unqualified success

By all accounts, Day One of the Lee Sale-bration was an unqualified success, going beyond even the hopes of the Lee Chamber of Commerce, which organized the weekend of events.

"There are people on the sidewalks on Lee again," one woman said. "Couldn't be a more perfect day for it," commented William B. Navin of High Street, adding that "it looks like Coney Island around here."

John Richardson, manager of the Price Chopper, last night announced that "today went over so well, we thought we'd bring the balloon back again."

The grocery chain's hot-air balloon, many stories tall, gave brief rides to many youngsters who gathered at a field across West Park Street from the Price Chopper between the hours of 8 and 11 Friday morning. The balloon, restrained by ropes, would rise to the level of surrounding tree tops, before coming back down to earth again.

then to get the traffic moving.

Acting Chief Edward J. Finnegan commented that while the crowds weren't as big as the ones that swarmed Main Street in 1977 for the town's bicentennial celebration, "there was a big crowd for a first-time event."

Today's schedule of events includes a tag sale sponsored by

the Tri-Town Rotary Club from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tru-Value Tire Co. parking lot and a beer-fest-and wine festival at the same location from 4 to 10 p.m. There will be a chicken barbeque at noon at Morgan Alley, and skits and puppeteers by the Berkshire Theater Festival in the park in the afternoon. The Mayflower float, the Iron Horse train and the Paddle River

Queen from Eastover will be on display.

Sunday's activities include a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Tri-Town Rotary Club from 7 a.m. to noon at the Tru-Value Tire Co. parking lot, a "Save-the-Steeple" road race starting from the park at 11 a.m. and skits and puppeteers from the Berkshire Theater Festival in the park in the afternoon.

Richardson said the hot-air balloon would be at the same location between 8 and 11 this morning.

Lee police were out in force, manning several key Main Street crosswalks, to help stop traffic for the pedestrians who dashed back and forth from one side of Main to the other, and



John S. Egan

FORMER RESIDENCE on Park Street in Lee is being turned into the Victoria restaurant by chef James K. Kelley. Restaurant is applying for seasonal liquor license.

New restaurant proposed in Lee

LEE — The Selectmen will hold a public hearing April 18 at 7:30 p.m. on the application of James K. Kelley of East Center Street for a seasonal all-alcoholic beverage license for a new restaurant on Park Street.

The restaurant, the Victoria, will be in a house situated be-

last fall by Louis D. Schroeter of Golden Hill Road.

Kelley, a former chef at the Morgan House, has been working on renovations to the two-story structure for several months. He asked the Selectmen Monday whether he could obtain

A seasonal license allows a restaurant to serve alcohol from April 1 to Jan. 15.

tween the Cumberland Farms Store and the Tru-Value Tire Co. on Park Street. The house, formerly owned by the late Mrs. Louise Hollister, was purchased

a year-round all-alcoholic beverage license. The Selectmen, who are the local licensing authority, told him there are no year-round licenses available.

Lee downtown backers see need for more jobs

LEE — Downtown revitalization proponents last night suggested that the first priority of an application for a federal Department of Housing and Urban Development block grant ought to be the creation of more jobs in Lee.

"The biggest and first thing this grant is directed at is jobs," said Francis E. Foley, member of the Citizens Advisory Council for the town of Lee. Foley chaired the public hearing, which was the second of its kind this week. About 20 people, or five more than were at Tuesday's meeting, attended.

"In the past week, we have seen some of our aeries decide to close," said Foley in an apparent reference to the announcement that the Morgan House will close indefinitely this weekend and that Rossi's Restaurant and the Victoria Restaurant will be closed for most of the winter. "Close to 60 jobs, through the winter and spring, are gone. The most important thing this grant can do is help create full-time jobs."

Three types

Philip L. Dumochel, a grantsman whose salary is paid by the Berkshire County Commissioners and who is helping the town of Lee in its application, said three types of grants are available — a \$300,000 single purpose grant, an \$800,000 one-year comprehensive grant and a \$2.5 million three-year comprehensive grant. He suggested that the town of Lee go after the \$800,000 comprehensive type.

Foley told the group that the Citizens Advisory Group wanted input and support from merchants.

"What we're trying to do is get merchants and other people to show interest in doing something about a stagnant and declining business area," he said. "We've got ideas of our own. But we'd rather see the ideas come from the public."

Foley and Dumochel explained that the spending of federal funds to improve the business area could result in an improved business climate, which would generate more local jobs. They each gave examples of several projects that could be funded under the proposed grant. The examples included cutting back the high Main Street sidewalk into a series of steps and ramps, covering the sidewalks with a layer of decorative brickwork, and planting of trees on Main Street.

Peter Constantopoulos, who operates Lee Pizza, said a lack of parking spaces has always been a problem for Main Street merchants. Foley suggested that the town could use its own funds to pave a large area next to the Airoidi Building on Railroad Street, one block off Main Street and put up directional signs pointing the way to the lot.

Another possibility, Dumochel suggested, would be to offer some grant funds to induce private owners to consolidate the several lots that lie between the Price Chopper and Main Street into one large parking lot. Grant funds could be used to eliminate speed bumps, and put in lights and benches, he suggested. The two alleys that lead to the parking lots could be improved through the installation of a fountain, artwork or decorative paving stones, he said.

Martin H. Deely, a former Selectman, said he thought the shopping atmosphere in downtown Lee would be improved by the replacement of the many different type of signs with one basic style of sign.

Integrated signs

"One thing I think would help a lot would be integrated signs that are attractive and not a garish mess like we have now," he said. "The only way to do it is to start at Lenox line and go



John S. Egan
Francis E. Foley
We need jobs

on down to the turnpike."

Deely also suggested that a bypass was crucial to the downtown. "We sit here with more and more traffic going through downtown," he said. "And now more storefronts are vacant. The traffic hasn't helped downtown one bit."

Norma Maroney asked whether grant funds could be used to create more housing for the elderly in downtown Lee.

Dumochel emphasized that the project, under block grant guidelines, would have to "show benefit for low and moderate income persons."

H.A. Johansson said the merchants themselves could improve the shopping atmosphere by doing things such as staying open on Friday nights. Johansson, whose store H.A. Johansson 5 & 10 Cent Store is one of the few Lee stores that remain open Friday nights, exhorted the meeting attendants to put pressure on the merchants.



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LARGE MAP of downtown Lee is displayed by Mrs. Nora Boxer's 3rd grade class from Lee Central School. The map, which shows downtown area between Main Street, High Street, Center Street and Park

Street, is the product of 2½ months of effort by the 3rd graders. It will be on view at the Lee Library for the next three weeks.



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GRANTSMAN Philip L. Dumochel, at table, discusses the town of Lee's proposed application for federal funds to revitalize the downtown area. Next to him is Marilyn K. Sullivan, chairwoman of the Citizens Ad-

visory Council for the town. Dominic A. Biasin, chairman of Lee Council on Aging, at right, makes point. Richard E. Sitzer, listens. About 15 persons attended the public hearing, held yesterday at Lee Library.

Lee residents discuss methods of revitalizing downtown area

By John S. Egan

LEE — About 15 persons turned out at a public hearing at the Lee Library yesterday to make suggestions on possible methods of revitalizing of the downtown area.

Those attending also aired many complaints about economic conditions in the downtown business district.

Purpose of the meeting was to obtain public input for an application for a federal Department of Housing and Urban Development block grant. The hearing was sponsored by the Citizens Advisory Council for the town of Lee. A second hearing is slated for tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the library.

Philip L. Dumochel, Berkshire County grantsman, who is helping the town write its grant application, chaired the meeting with Marilyn K. Sullivan, chairman of the Citizens Advisory Council.

Dumochel said that merchants and town officials in the past had indicated three areas of interest for a revitalization project: the renovation of Main Street buildings, the creation of more parking spaces and addi-

tional housing.

He emphasized that the project, under block grant guidelines, will "have to show principal benefit for low and moderate income people."

Negative direction

"I think we've been heading in a negative direction," said Francis X. Downing, owner of McClelland's Drug Store and a member of the Citizens Advisory Council. "It just seems in the center of town there's very little life. I think it is important for the community to attract businesses that will last five years, 10 years or a lifetime."

One problem, Downing said, is that many businesses which have opened up on Main Street have been "under-capitalized" and have not been able to buy sufficient stock to attract shoppers.

Francis E. Foley, a member of the Citizens Advisory Council, said that a greater diversity of stores in the downtown should be encouraged.

"I go back to this jewelry thing," he said. "At one time, we had two jewelry stores. They both seemed to be doing all right. But they're gone. We're

not getting the diversity we need."

Dumochel told the meeting attendees that the grant application could include proposals such as improvements to parking, if it could be shown that increased parking would result in increased employment in the downtown area.

"Another thing we want to do is make sure that no more jobs are lost," said Dumochel, adding that he had heard reports that the Morgan House is closing this weekend.

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H.A. Johansson, owner of H.A. Johansson 5 & 10 Cent Store on Main Street, complained that "the merchants have killed the town themselves."

"Lee has the biggest payroll in South County," he said. "The merchants let the business get away. They don't do anything to get customers into the store."

Johansson suggested that an increase in diversity in the type of shops in downtown Lee and increased hours of operation might bring more shoppers back downtown.

John Richardson, manager of the Price Chopper, said that the success of the recent Lee Sale-Abration was an example of what could be done if all merchants worked together.

Other suggestions for improving the economic climate of downtown Lee included the planting of trees and flowers along Main Street and the construction of more recreational facilities for the town.

Charles Donahoe, well-known realtor

LEE — Charles J. Donahoe Jr., 57, of Fairview Street, a well-known real estate agent, died Tuesday at Berkshire Medical Center following a long illness.

Born in Lee, March 26, 1922, he was the son of Charles J. and Hazel Delarue Donahoe. He graduated from Cranwell Preparatory School in 1941 and Trinity College in Hartford in 1946.

He operated the Charles J. Donahoe Realty business here for many years.

Mr. Donahoe was a chairman of the book committee of the Lee Library and was a former member of the library's board of directors.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary McCarthy; three sons, Martin H. Donahoe of Paris, France, Charles J. Donahoe III and Thomas C. Donahoe, both of Washington, and a brother, attorney Henry M. Donahoe of Lee.

The funeral will be tomorrow morning at 10:15 from Mr. Donahoe's home, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 at St. Mary's Church.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Calling hours at Mr. Donahoe's home will be today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

Friends may make donations to the Lee Library Association in his memory. The Kelly Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Andy Holden

RACING UP COURT is Lee's Sally Gangell, who scored 32 points to lead the Wildcats to a crucial 70-42 win over St. Joseph's. Jenny Brown (23) defends for the Crusaders.



CHIMES TOWER anniversary celebration Chairman Sherman Hall addresses a crowd that numbered about 75 at the observance of the 100-year-old tower yesterday. State Sen. John H. Fitzpatrick and Selectmen Mary Flynn and John A. Beacco also spoke.

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SCALE MODEL of Lee's Main Street is displayed by Orville Gardner Jr. of Maple Street, Lee. Gardner, sexton of the First Congregational Church in Lee for more than 40 years, took about four months to make the mock-up of Lee's central two downtown blocks. The model will be on display at the First Congregational Church and then at Lee Library.



CHIMES ringer Sherman Hall presses levers that sound the 10 bells on second level of the Children's Chime Tower in Stockbridge. Hall is one of four residents who ring the chimes for a half-hour each evening during June, July and August.



TOWER containing children's chimes is 100 years old.

Photos by Kevin T. Knobloch

Observance set Sunday

Chimes Tower 100 years old

By Kevin T. Knobloch

STOCKBRIDGE — The 100th anniversary of the construction of the Children's Chime Tower, which was donated in 1878 by New Yorker David Dudley Field "in the name of my grandchildren living and dead," will be observed Sunday afternoon.

The ceremony will begin at 1 on the tower lawn next to the Town Hall on Main Street.

The festivities scheduled include five chimes concerts, beginning at 1 and continuing every hour, and a "few" remarks by town officials and local dignitaries, according to Sherman Hall, a member of the committee appointed by the Selectmen to organize the observance.

Longtime chimes ringer Alva Ernest Gray, 93, who rang favorite children's tunes during summer evenings for 46 years, will attend. A representative of the Field family is also expected to attend, Hall said.

A historical brochure explaining a brief history of the tower and balloons etched with a picture of it will be distributed. Also available for 35 cents will be a cacheted commemorative envelope, canceled Sunday, July 16. The envelope was designed by Leo Lincoln of Pittsfield, Hall said. The balloon was designed by Primm French, art supervisor at Mon-

ument Mountain Regional High School in Great Barrington.

Members of the Children's Chime Tower Committee are Hall, Pauline Pierce, Clarence N. Blair and Stanley Smith.

In 1877, Field attempted to donate money for the tower and four chimes, stipulating that they be rung three times a day. The townspeople promptly rejected the offer, 300 to 0, citing noise pollution caused by frequent ringing of the chimes and the expense of paying someone to ring them.

Field subsequently offered money for a nine-chime tower and an endowment — which still pays ringers \$250 a year today — to hire someone to ring the chimes at sunset each evening.

An injunction that the bells "shall be rung from apple blossom until frost in the name of my grandchildren, living and dead — a memorial to those who are enshrined in my heart," accompanied the donation.

The tower today includes 10 chimes — the latest an "A" bell that had been requested by Gray and installed in 1975, weighing 8,000 pounds. The musical chimes, the largest weighing a ton, are housed in a bluestone masonry and wooden tower 70 feet high and 16 square feet at the base. Once called the Mission

Tower, the bells it houses are cast bronze valued at \$32,000, Hall said.

Renovations of the tower, completed in July 1973, included restoration of the entire top floor and new gold-leafed hands, cast from the same patterns as the originals, for the four tower clocks. The Kiwanis Club recently painted the tower interior.

The towers' first ringer, Simon Hofmayer, was succeeded after 26 years on the job by Charles M. Jacet in 1904. Gray, who retired in 1975, followed Jacet. Today, the ringing responsibility is shared among Stockbridge residents Jane Smith, Thelma Dengler, Sister Dora Guerrieri, and Hall. A variety of popular tunes are played between 5:30 and 6 each evening from June 1 to Sept. 1.

An 1878 South Berkshire newspaper account said the tower "marks the spot of greater historical interest than almost any other locality in Western Massachusetts, it being erected on the identical place where the mission church was built in the days of the Stockbridge Indians 140 years ago."

Inscribed on a polished stone above the tower entrance, now covered with crawling ivy, is "This memorial tower marks the spot where stood the Little Church in the Wilderness in which John Sergeant preached to the Stockbridge Indians in 1739."

S. Lee couple specialize in rare books

SOUTH LEE — The sounds of harpsichord and flute drift from the large two-story house on Main Street. Outside is a sign, J. and J. Lubrano. John Lubrano, co-proprietor of the business that bears his name, greets a visitor and leads him into a small, book-lined room.

Opened earlier this year, J. and J. Lubrano is a shop that specializes in books, autographs and prints on music, musical instruments, composers and dance. Lubrano and his wife, Jude, purchased the two-story frame house in November. Downstairs rooms are devoted to books and prints on musical subjects. The Lubranos' living quarters are on the second floor.

Lubrano, a neatly dressed man who wears spectacles, explains that he and his wife have slowly been building up a collection of ancient and out-of-print modern books on music. His speech is clipped and foreign-sounding to American ears. He admits with a smile that he's a native of Sidney, Australia. His wife was born in Flushing, New York.

Tall shelves filled with books line three walls of the room. One glass counter displays books and photographs of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Jacob's Pillow.

Another glass case contains older, more fragile-looking books, some opened to detailed engravings. Behind the counter is Jude Lubrano, her hair pulled back, a scarf knotted around her neck.

The decision to open the shop was a marriage of mutual interests, Jude Lubrano explains. John, who had worked in music stores and who earned an honors degree in music from Cornell University, has an extensive knowledge of ancient musical instruments. Jude, who received a bachelors degree in liberal arts at Cornell, pursued an interest in rare books toward a masters in librarianship from Columbia University.

The Lubranos, who had lived several years in Australia, decided to open a specialty shop that combined their two interests in the United States. They



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DISPLAYING a facsimile edition of a 17th century book on the craft of music are John and Jude Lubrano, owners of a new South Lee bookshop that specializes in texts, autographs and prints on the subjects of music and dance.

decided to buy the rambling house in South Lee because of the village's proximity to Tanglewood, Jacob's Pillow and the Berkshire Playhouse, and because they liked the architecture of the 19th century houses that line South Lee's Main Street.

John reaches into the glass display cabinet and pulls out the sort of book that a music-lover would be hard pressed to find in an ordinary bookstore.

He slips the clothbound book from a protective case, explaining that the book is worth more in its fragile original binding than it would be in a sturdier, modern rebinding. The frontispiece shows that the book was printed and engraved in Boston in 1755.

"It's a good example of an early American book of hymn tunes," he notes. "Often these were bound right into the back of hymnals."

He extends another book. "This is John Mainwaring's biography of George Frederick

Handel (1685-1759). It was published the year after Handel's death. It's interesting historically because it was the first musical biography written in English."

Besides their growing collection of antiquarian books on music, the Lubranos offer a number of facsimile editions of ancient works and a wide selection of hard-to-find and out-of-print 20th century books on music and dance.

Another room on the first floor houses a collection of prints, musical programs and autographs of famous composers and musicians. Inside a large display binder are a number of programs from Skidmore College concerts during the 1930s. One bears the signature of Sergei Rachmaninoff. A flip of the binder page reveals a letter written by Leopold Stokowski, the conductor's signature

scrawled across the bottom with dramatic flourish.

Besides offering books and prints to music lovers and collectors, the Lubranos intend to start selling to libraries and institutions. Next fall the couple intends to produce and ship a catalog of their inventory selections.

The Lubrano's shop is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and at other times by appointment.

7% raise is proposed for Lee town employees

LEE — Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy last night recommended to the Finance Committee that town employees be granted a \$14-per-week raise across the board.

The impact on the town budget would be approximately 7 percent. The Selectmen last week had proposed that the raises be limited to 5 percent, but Murphy said last night that it is "ridiculous to ask anyone to take a 5 percent increase."

He had indicated last week

that the plan was subject to revision. Purpose of the flat increase was to raise the salaries of those at the lower end of the pay scale. Lee's payroll now ranges from \$80 to \$270, according to Selectman John E. DeVarennes.

Murphy said further that the town "is not the mill. We can't afford to pay the people what they are worth."

Finance Committee Chairman Steven Iacuesa questioned Murphy about the desirability of doing a job evaluation for all town employees. Murphy agreed that it would help establish a fair pay rate and said that it would be done as soon as is fea-

sible. DeVarennes further explained the proposed 7 percent raise by saying that 75 percent of the town budget is salaries and that taking 7 percent of that 75 percent would boost the amount spent on salaries by \$21,000-\$25,000.

The Selectmen said that they had asked department heads to try and keep operating expenses at the 1977 level.

The Finance Committee agreed to submit the Selectmen's recommendations to the unions for consideration.

The committee said it would use Jan. 15 as a tentative deadline for the 1979 budget.



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Steven Iacuesa

Finance Committee head

Petricca gravel permit issue continues to simmer in Lee

By John S. Egan

LEE — Lee Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman John Piacquadio last night told the Selectmen he would schedule another hearing on the request by Petricca Construction Co. for Cape Street gravel excavation as controversy over the legality of an original permit issuance continued.

In response to a charge by former associate appeals board member Raymond H. Benton that a permit had been issued without a formal vote of the appeals board, Secretary Pauline Pollard wrote in a letter read aloud by the Selectmen that "at the (July 12) hearing concerning the Petricca request for the operation of a gravel pit, Mr. (William E.) Manion, Mr. Benton, Mr. (Peter) Biasin and I voted to grant the special permit."

Benton, who resigned his post on the appeals board last week after charging that no formal vote had been taken, last night disagreed with Mrs. Pollard's statement. In response to a request from Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy, Benton offered to resume his place on the board, but only "if someone will retract the statement that a vote was taken."

Piacquadio, who had not attended the permit hearing for personal reasons but who had been named by Benton as possibly responsible for the permit issuance because his name appeared on the letter granting the permit, last night complained to the Selectmen, Benton, a group of Cape Street residents and media that he had been "slandered" by recent articles in The Berkshire Eagle.

"I didn't have any wrong doings in this case," he said. "I didn't have any part in this case. I don't know why my name was slandered in The Eagle or cut up."

Benton had been quoted in The Eagle as remarking to the Selectmen last week that Petricca had been given the permit "without a final meeting to cover restrictions and a vote of the (zoning) board for approval or disapproval" and that "the permit was given to them through the secretary or through John (Piacquadio)." Piacquadio, meanwhile, would not

comment to The Eagle on the permit issuance or his reasons for not attending the appeals board hearing on the permit.

"I don't see why they (the Eagle) should add a little fuel to the fire," he said. "A reporter called me up and asked me what my personal reasons were for not attending the hearing. I think that was uncalled for and unjust. I don't think you have to slander me."

Piacquadio said he wanted it made clear that he had taken no part in the issuance of the letter that granted the permit.

In her letter to the Selectmen, Mrs. Pollard stated that "as all letters of decision are approved by and signed by the chairman of the board, this was done as a matter of course. I perhaps was in error in this regard as Mr. William Manion was the chairman, pro tem, due to Mr. Piacquadio's excusing himself for personal reasons."

"Mrs. Pollard did state that she did wrongly by putting my name on it rather than Mr. Manion's," Piacquadio said.

List of restrictions

In her letter, Mrs. Pollard explained that after the hearing on the gravel permit excavation, where she said members had voted to grant the permit, a subsequent meeting was scheduled to determine the amount of bond required and to discuss permit restrictions.

"I informed members of the ZBA (appeals board) that I could not attend the meeting as I was leaving for vacation," she wrote. "However, I gave Mr. Manion the list of restrictions we had compiled and the Petricca folder. . . Within a few days the folder was returned to me with a hand-written list of restrictions and instructions from Mr. Manion. Since we had voted to grant the permit, I then composed a letter to Mr. Petricca to the above effect."

She said that she resented "Mr. Benton's allegations and implications pertaining to the Petricca hearing, particularly since it was the first hearing he attended as an associate member."

Benton, a former longtime member of the Planning Board who was named to the Zoning Board of Appeals in June, protested to the Selectmen. "We did not vote for it. I'd like to see the other three members (who were at the hearing) here."

In response to a question from Benton, an Eagle reporter told the Selectmen that Manion had said over the telephone last week that no formal vote on the permit issuance had been taken.

The Selectmen asked Benton to meet with the three other appeals board members who attended the hearing and try to resolve whether the vote had or had not been taken. After Benton indicated he would not consider rejoining the board to vote on the permit unless Mrs. Pollard retracted her statement that there had been a vote, Piacquadio said that another hearing would be scheduled.

"I'll contact Mrs. Pollard and have her send out a letter to Petricca explaining what happened and that there will be another hearing," he said.



John Piacquadio

Raymond H. Benton



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RETIRED CHIEF of Lee Police Department John J. Boyne, third from left, listens as attorney Henry M. Donahoe, standing, remarks on the 20-year-veteran's career. To either side of Boyne are his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Amy.

Crowd turns out to honor Lee's former police chief

By John S. Egan

LEE — Retired Lee Police Chief John J. Boyne got a rousing welcome and then more than an earful of praise and good-humored ribbing as 330 friends, town officials and former colleagues turned out last night for a testimonial at the Italian-American Club of Pittsfield.

Boyne, 41, who suffered a massive heart attack Oct. 21 and then received doctors' orders not to return to duty, officially retired July 1.

A 20-year veteran on the Lee Police force, Boyne became an officer in 1959 and chief in 1964. The Lee native had graduated from Lee High School in 1954.

Last night, sitting at the head table with his wife, the former

Barbara Tower, and their six children nearby, Boyne listened as a legion of town officials and friends trooped one-by-one to the microphone to offer their compliments.

Faced 'top attorneys'

Paul R. Collins, probation officer for the District Court of Lee for the past five years, remarked that "one task John handled very well was prosecuting cases for the Lee Police Department, and he was bucking some of the top attorneys in the county."

Collins remembered an occasion when Boyne and two other officers went into a house on Goose Pond, where two heavily-

armed youths had barricaded themselves.

"He went up there and walked in, and took them into custody," Collins said. "John took it very lightly. I think it was because he took police work so seriously."

With Franklyn Sturgis, clerk of Lee District Court, acting as master of ceremonies, other town officials came to the dais.

Acting Lee Police Chief Edward J. Finnegan presented the former chief with a gold pocket watch, a gift from the Lee Police Department.

Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy presented Boyne with a plaque in recognition of his service to the town of Lee.

High (yesterday)	64	Sun rose	5:45
Low (yesterday)	50	Sun will set	8:13
Range year ago	82.62	New Moon	Aug. 3
Precipitation	.27	Full Moon	Aug. 18
Precip.—month	2.57	Precip.—year	21.85

Lee board verbally approves 72 new rooms for Foxhollow

By John S. Egan

LEE — The Selectmen here last night gave their verbal approval to Donald I. Altshuler for a "resort permit" to add 72 hotel rooms to his main building at the Center at Foxhollow.

The 72 hotel rooms, to be built on the Lee side of the 285-acre property in 24-room units, would be sewered by a private system. The Selectmen's approval of the resort permit application is subject to a ruling by Town Counsel James P. Dohoney on whether the permit can include a condition that would require approval of the private sewer system by the Tri-Town Board of Health.

Dohoney and the Selectmen were scheduled to discuss the permit provision at 4 p.m. today.

While Altshuler had originally proposed sewerage for the 72 hotel rooms in Lee and 160 resort condominiums in Lenox through a hookup to the Lee sewer system, he said last night that a July 20 decision by the Lenox Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)



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Donald I. Altshuler
'We've got to expand.'

to deny a permit for the condominiums had forced him to temporarily shelve plans for the proposed sewer tie-in.

The Lenox ZBA, on a 3-2 vote, turned down a variance request to build the 160 condominiums

on 64 acres of land because of an already chronic town water shortage.

Altshuler had said that he needed to build the 160 condominiums to attract financing for the 72 rooms in Lee and to pay for the construction of 4,000-foot sewer line from Spring and Summer streets in Lee to his property line. Soil conditions at the property made the private sewerage of the entire project expensive, and in some portions of the property, impossible, Altshuler had said.

"We've got to expand our room facilities," Altshuler said last night. "We don't have enough bedrooms to keep the property. We're operating at 110 percent and turning away business. That's why we're requesting that you grant a permit for the additional 72 rooms. We'd like to build the first 24 rooms this year."

"We can't afford to install a line and hook into the town system for just the 72 units," he said. "That's why we're looking

at a private system."

Robert Hoogs of Robert Brown & Associates, consultants for the Center at Foxhollow, said this morning that a large subsurface sewer-disposal system for each 24-room unit and a more expensive private treatment plant are being studied as possible methods of private sewerage.

"We're not committing you to any future sewer deal between Lee and Lenox," said C. Jeffrey Cook, Altshuler's attorney. "We do plan ultimately to resubmit a plan on the condominiums to Lenox and try to work out an arrangement on a town sewer hookup. We'd like to hold to our original plan but now we want to build the hotel units in Lee first and the condominiums in Lenox later."

Planning Board Chairman James Burns, who was called in to the meeting to advise the Selectmen, said that "as far as this board is concerned, if the proposed private sewer system meets Tri-Town Sanitarian Peter Kolodziej's requirements, I don't think there's a problem."

Lee seeks \$21,000 for downtown study

By John S. Egan

LEE — This town is applying for a \$21,000 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant to study the needs of downtown and to develop methods of possible urban revitalization, a grant study committee told the Selectmen last night.

The Selectmen gave their blessings to the application, an eight-page document put together by the volunteer committee in less than one month. The application is to be mailed to the Office of State Planning in Boston by tomorrow, application deadline.

"I think you did an excellent job," Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy said.

The Selectmen said they would send out letters to 80 businesses in the downtown area asking merchants to support the grant application through individual letters to the Office of State Planning.

A master list of the 80 downtown businesses was compiled for the grant application by

Marilyn K. Sullivan of the Lee Chamber of Commerce, a member of the grant committee.

The grant application was the first project in which town officials called on the aid of Berkshire County grantsman Philip L. Dumochel. Selectman John E. DeVarenes said he hoped that the collaborative project was the first of many for the town.

"I hope this is a long-standing honeymoon and we get \$20,000 or \$30,000 or \$40,000 every time you write a letter," he joked to Dumochel.

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The town of Lee was notified in early January that it had been named as one of four Berkshire County municipalities eligible to apply for a number of \$25,000-maximum incentive grants being made available to towns and cities that HUD classifies as "distressed." The others in the county are Adams, North Adams and Pittsfield.

The state has a total of \$250,000 available under the HUD grant program.

Constantine Constantinides, acting director of the Office of State Planning, said this morning that grants will be awarded to cities and towns on a competitive basis "not before the end of March."

Constantinides said the incentive grant program would be unaffected by a shakeup in the structure of the Office of State Planning. Under a directive from Gov. King, administration of the HUD "701" program is being transferred from the state Office of Planning to the Executive Office of Community Development.

James L. Burns Jr., chairman of the Lee Planning Board and chairman of the grant committee, said a grant-funded study of the needs of downtown would be "an excellent foundation for further grant applications" for funds to perform revitalization work.

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The grant application lists six program objectives:

— An inventory of existing parking spaces

and study of possible parking improvements.

— Development of a short-range program to alleviate traffic flow problems in the center of Lee.

— Streetscaping, signs and landscape architecture.

— An inventory of the use of space in existing buildings.

— Development of a program to encourage owner rehabilitation of buildings within guidelines prepared for downtown area.

— Development of a promotional program for the commercial district.

The total budget for administration of the study grant is \$24,500. Besides the anticipated \$21,000 HUD grant, the budget includes \$2,500 of in-kind service from the Town — the furnishing of office space in the Town Hall — and \$1,000 of in-kind service from County grantsman Dumochel.

Survey shows downtown Lee businesses employ 347

LEE — A recently compiled master list of downtown businesses shows that 347 persons are employed full or part time by them.

The list, prepared to aid town officials in an application for a federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) incentive grant to study the needs of downtown, was presented to the Selectmen last night. Selectman John E. DeVarenes expressed surprise.

"I'm amazed at the number of persons working downtown," he said. "That's almost the number of people working in a mill."

The largest employer in town is the Schweit-

zer Division of the Kimberly-Clark Corp., which operates four paper mills, and the Specialty Paper Division of the Mead Corp., which has two mills and a printing plant in South Lee. Schweitzer employs about 650 persons and Mead employs about 360 persons here.

The list of 80 businesses on Park, Main, Center and Railroad streets was prepared by Marilyn K. Sullivan, the Chamber of Commerce representative to a local study grant committee.

The master list gives a building-by-building breakdown of all businesses on those streets.

Included on the list are the number of employees in each business and the name of the owner of the building in which the business is located.

The list shows that the town's two large groceries are the biggest downtown employers — Price Chopper with 60 employees and Adams Super Market with 24 employees.

Restaurants are also shown to be important employers. According to the list, the Morgan House has 15 winter employees and 30 employees in summer. Also included are Joe's Diner, 15 employees; Rossi's Restaurant, 11 employ-

ees, and Kentucky Fried Chicken, four winter employees and six to eight summer employees.

Other downtown businesses with five or more employees are McClelland Drug Store, 13 employees; Fraser's Service Station, 10 employees; Dresser-Hull Co., 10 employees; Penny Saver, nine employees; Cumberland Dairy, eight employees; H.A. Johansson 5 & 10 Cent Store, eight employees; Henry's Electric Co., seven employees; Sons of Italy Club, six employees; Lee Hardware, five employees, and Dandi-Donut, five employees.

Kindergarten entry age debated in Lee

By John S. Egan

LEE — Lee public school administrators and several parents who want their children to enter kindergarten next fall disagreed last night over whether exceptions should be made to the Lee school policy that requires a child to be at least 4 years, 11 months old by Sept. 1 in a given year for entrance to kindergarten that year.

The parents, whose children miss being old enough to enter kindergarten this fall by anywhere from one day to 18 days, asked that exceptions be made to the rule for children who are unusually intelligent or mature.

School administrators, however, said they saw no good reason to change the policy that specifies the age requirement of 4 years, 11 months.

The School Committee, acting on a motion by member William F. Tyer, voted to take no action on the current age limit but asked that "by the last meeting in August a program be set up to show what steps are being taken to address the enrichment of students in kindergarten."

Following a request from the School Committee at its Feb. 20 meeting, Central School psychologist Warren Reynolds, Curriculum and Instruction Director Michael B. Ronan, Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger and Central School administrators investigated the Lee kindergarten age cutoff and made comparisons with other county schools.

Five of the school districts in the county, including Pittsfield, allow students to enter kindergarten as young as 4 years, 8 months, according to a chart drawn up by Reynolds. Lee and North Adams are the two county school districts to require students to be at least 4 years, 11 months before entering kindergarten.

Nine school districts have an age cutoff of 5 years, Reynolds said.

"There were no recommendations for lowering the age limit that we could come up with," Reynolds said.

Central School Principal Raymond B. Kavey, a former member of a state task force "that brought about the implementation of kindergarten throughout Massachusetts," said the task force had "tried very determinedly to have an age requirement of 5 years by Sept. 1, but

the politics of the situation did not dictate that would come about."

Reynolds said that, as a rule of thumb, "the older children usually score much better and are apt to adapt to kindergarten better than younger ones."

Better prepared

"Teachers say a child who comes in at 5 years, 9 months or 5 years, 10 months is much more ready for our curriculum than the child who comes in at 5 years, 1 month," he said.

Lee Piekos, who has a child who will be 5 years old Oct. 18 and therefore misses eligibility for kindergarten by 18 days, asked Reynolds and administrators whether special screening tests could be given to children whose parents requested the tests.

"I've looked through your curriculum for kindergarten," she said. "If my child has to wait until the following year to enter, what will kindergarten be for him then? My child can already identify colors. What are you going to do for the gifted child? It just seems your curriculum isn't geared to the gifted."

Reynolds said that such testing would be extremely expensive since it would have to be much more exhaustive than the screening tests for special-needs children. "And no matter how extensively you test, you finally have to come up with a subjective decision on whether a child is gifted," he said, adding that the task of telling a parent his child is not "gifted" is an extremely difficult one.

Eleanor Bean of Housatonic Street, whose child will miss eligibility for kindergarten by one day, said she thought some children arrived at age 5 with advanced intellectual abilities because they had been to preschool for one or two years and because of their exposure to television programs like "Sesame Street."

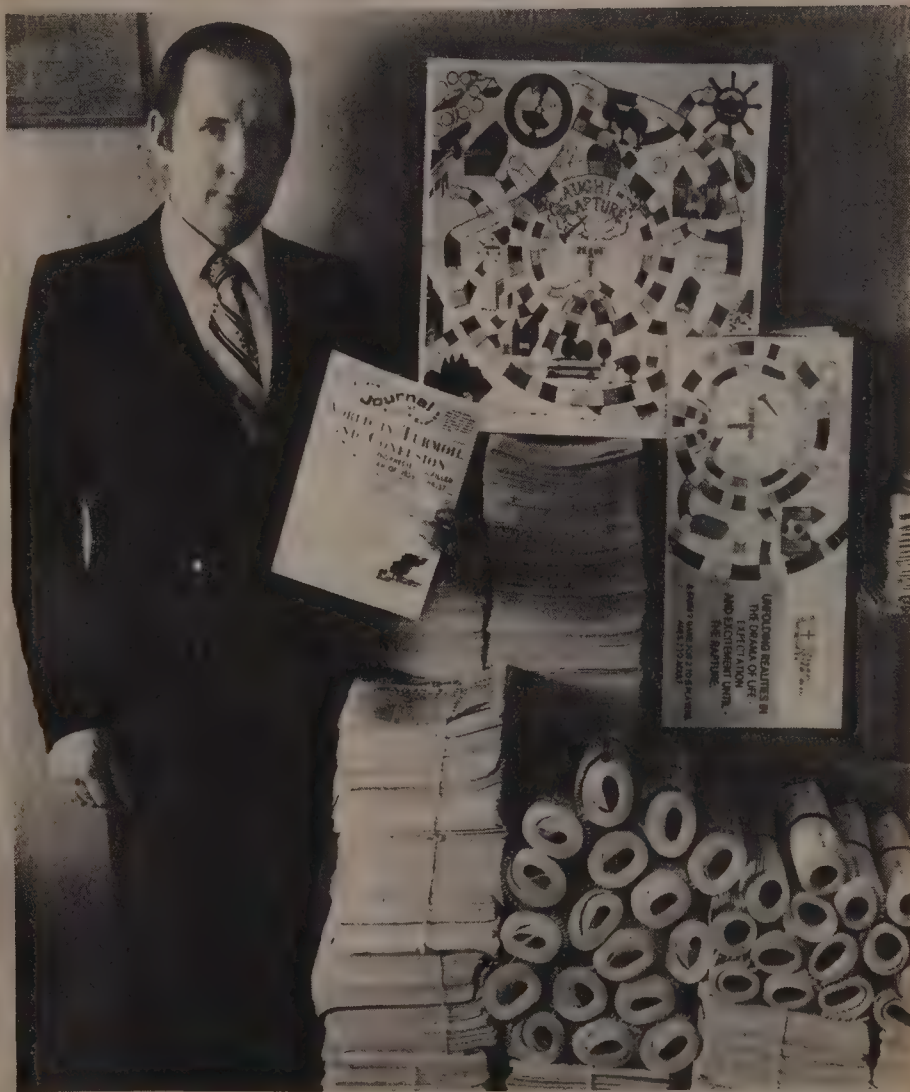
School Committee Chairman Marguerite M. Tristany agreed. "I think some of these kiddos are much further along at age 3 than we were at age 3," she said. The committee unanimously approved Tyer's motion not to change the age cutoff, pending the establishment of a program on the enrichment of students in kindergarten.



John S. Egan

PARENTS Lee Piekos, left, and Eleanor Bean, tried unsuccessfully last night to persuade Lee School Committee to lower minimum age for kindergarten entry.

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John S. Egan

TRACT WRITER Errol T. Grant of Lee displays a copy of his Journal of Future Events. He stands next to a stack of some 10,000 copies of the religious tract. On top of the stack is one of Grant's inventions — the "Caught in the Rapture" board game.

Former Lee man is vice president of Cape Cod firm

LEE — Daniel E. Brown of Centerville, formerly of Lee, has been appointed vice president of Packaging Industries Inc. of Hyannis.

Brown, son of former Lee High School principal James I. Brown and Mrs. Brown of East Center Street, was plant manager prior to his promotion. He joined Packaging Industries in 1970.

A former General Electric ordnance employee, Brown is a 1960 Lee High School graduate. He attended North Adams State College and graduated from the General Electric Technician Program.

Brown is charged with the supervision of more than 200 employees at Packaging Industries, which manufactures blister packaging machinery and a line of thermoforming machines. He will also be in charge of producing new types of machines.



Daniel E. Brown

Brown and his wife, the former Muriel Stutz, have four children.

Stock Averages

(Noon) Dow Jones (Shearson Hayden Stone, Inc.)

30 Industrials	832.12	+7.28
20 Transp.	212.12	+2.83
15 Utilities	103.65	+ .27
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Second Section

Pittsfield, Massachusetts,

Icy winter causes damage both to cars and people

By Edward J. Farrell

Berkshire County body shops — the kind that repair cars and the other kind, the ones that repair people — are having a busier winter than usual because of all the ice coating the county's roads and sidewalks.

Whether that's good or bad depends strictly on which side of the ledger from which you view it.

Take the auto body repair shops, for example.

At the Rufo Auto Body Co., where employees admit they have "been out straight" with work all winter, the comment was that "the roads are just beautiful — nice and slick."

And area physicians have resurrected an old observation made by a surgeon who was asked if he didn't agree that the weather was bad.

"Well," he observed, "orthopedically speaking, no."

At Fenn Street Transmission, which has the American Automobile Association emergency road service contract, a spokesman said "it has been the busiest winter we've ever had."

On the other hand, Joseph H. Nolan, Pittsfield postmaster, says, "This has been the worst winter for the post office I've ever seen."

Nolan's forces have been taking it from both sides.

His carriers have been slipping and sliding on solid ice for the past month and coming up with some painful injuries. The latest victim was a carrier who slipped and fell on Pomeroy Avenue yesterday and suffered a broken rib.

"We've had a few vehicle accidents, too," Nolan reported.

Berkshire Medical Center, which doesn't keep a day-to-day tally on emergency room clients, reported an increase in the number of people being treated for fractures and sprains resulting from falls on the ice.

The emergency room staff on the Saturday before last, for example, treated 15 patients for assorted ski injuries and 17 for injuries sustained from falls on the ice.

"This is the first time in memory," one nurse said, "that our slipping victims outnumbered our skiing victims."



Nick Costa

ONE OF THE VICTIMS of the season's slippery ice is Richard Blache of Bradley Street, Lee, who fell down two days after Christmas. He is shown receiving his third cast. It is being applied at Berkshire Medical Center by Dr. John W. Lyons.

The AAA dispatcher said calls for road service stem from a host of causes ranging from frozen fuel lines, dead batteries and cars getting stuck in the ice and on the ice, to wrecked transmissions caused by drivers trying to work their way out of a rut.

Glen L. Rufo, who is managing his father's body shop, said comparatively minor "fender-bender" accidents caused by skidding are the

most common complaints reaching the shop.

No one has been able to put a dollar sign on the bad breaks of this winter, but when the insurance companies finishing processing the claims, it is expected to be substantial.

Even getting numbers together is impossible.

"Who counts? We're just too busy," the AAA dispatcher said.

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John S. Egan

SEWER INSTALLATION proponent James F. Birge of Marble Street urges Lee special town meeting voters to approve \$435,000 project to install sewers on Marble and George streets and Theresa Terrace. The sewer article was unanimously approved by special town meeting at Lee Central School.

Lee town meeting approves sewers for three streets

LEE — Town meeting representatives last night gave their unanimous approval to a special town meeting article authorizing a \$435,000 project to install sewers on Theresa Terrace and George and Marble streets.

The unanimous "yes" vote on the special town meeting article came despite the lack of any recommendation on the article by the Department of Public Works board and a negative recommendation from the Finance Committee.

The positive action brought to a successful end a many-year effort by residents of the three streets to push through an article to install municipal sewers as replacement for the many faulty septic systems on the streets.

Lasts 20 minutes

The one-article special town meeting lasted about 20 minutes. Contracts should be ready to let out for bid in six weeks, according to David Lenart of Tighe & Bond, consulting engineers for the town. Lenart estimated the project, which

involves the installation of about 7,000 feet of pipe, should be completed by September or October.

Bond issue planned

The \$435,000 will be funded by a \$215,000 grant from the federal Farmer's Home Administration and \$220,000 in local appropriations, according to J. Peter Scolforo, DPW superintendent. The town's share will be raised through a 20-year bond issue. Last night's unanimous "yes" vote provided more than the 2/3 majority necessary to approve a municipal bond issue.

The yearly cost of the bond issue to local taxpayers will be about 40 cents per \$1,000 of valuation, Scolforo said.

With the exception of the negative recommendation from Finance Committee Chairman Steven S. Iacussa, no one spoke against the sewer project. Iacussa said the Finance Committee "felt the funding for this project was not favorable. We felt the cost to the town wasn't favorable."

Urgent need seen

Several residents of the three streets said there was an urgent need to pass the article.

"I don't think it's fair that we should be denied," said James Birge of Marble Street. "I can stand in my front yard and throw a rock and hit the sewer

on Fairview Street. Yet I'm told I can't belong to the sewer unless I pay for it myself (and hook in through a private system)."

"I find it hard to understand why the DPW put this article in and made no recommendation," Birge continued. "They washed their hands like Pontius Pilate. I think it will come back to haunt them."

\$55,000 paid in taxes

Stewart Dalheim of Theresa Terrace said that the 31 houses on Theresa Terrace had an assessed valuation of over \$1 million and that street residents annually paid more than \$55,000 in real estate taxes. Ronald Thompson of George Street said that septic system leakage from houses on his street was so bad that "in the spring and fall, you can't walk in the backyards. In a neighborhood with a lot of kids, that's not a healthy situation."

No speakers stood up to disagree with any of the sewer installation proponents.

Thirty-five of the town's 54 town meeting district representatives attended the meeting and voted in favor of passage of the sewer article. Attendance by district was as follows: District 1, five; District 2, six; District 3, eight; District 4, seven; District 5, three; and District 6, six.



John S. Egan

ADVOCATING REPAIRS of Lee High School roof and locker room showers is Lee School Committee Member John H. Dolan, right. Behind him is Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger.



John S. Egan

GIANT SANTA dwarfs its owners, Robert R. DuPont, left, and son, Robert C. DuPont, of Robert Street, Lee. The elder DuPont bought the 15-foot Santa at a construction company auction in Anaheim, Calif., last May and then used a motorcycle trailer to transport the fiberglass figure back to Lee.

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Lee author passes critic's test

By John S. Egan

LEE — Florence S. Consolati, the author of "See All the People," the recently published history of Lee from 1877-1977, received nothing but plaudits yesterday afternoon from the more than 100 people who stopped by the Lee Library for an autograph-signing session and reception in her honor.

Yet the praise that meant most to Mrs. Consolati came from a sharp-eyed former critic — and booster — Lena M. Beal, English teacher at Lee High School from 1928-1968.

"I haven't read it all yet," said Miss Beal yesterday, "because I read it as though I've got to look at every word to correct it. I could recognize Florence's style right off. It's a wonderful book. The amount of time she spent researching and amount of time she spent interviewing people is impressive."

The 442-page history of Lee's second hundred years, released to the public during Christmas week, was five years in the making. Mrs. Consolati, a former Lee correspondent for the Berkshire Eagle and reporter for the former Berkshire Gleaner, got her journalistic start as Lee High School senior in 1931, when she edited the high school literary magazine. The magazine had been started three years before by Miss Beal.

"Her style of writing was most unusual for a young girl," recalled Miss Beal. "She had a wonderful style."

Daughter Deidre Consolati says her mother kept the former teacher in mind while writing "See All the People."

"One of the things uppermost in her mind," said Ms. Consolati, "was to write so it would pass Miss Beal's standards."

The bicentennial history, which makes a companion history to the 1878 Centennial History of Lee by the Rev. C.M. Hyde and Alexander Hyde, was woven together from more than 40 interviews with elderly Lee residents, and thousands of hours of researching back issues of the Berkshire Gleaner, back copies of The Eagle, and nearly 100 source books.

Children's game

The title, "See All the People," came to Mrs. Consolati when she began thinking about writing the history.



John S. Egan

AUTHOR Florence S. Consolati of Lee, left, peruses her new bicentennial history of the town of Lee with her former Lee High School English teacher, Lena Beal. The book, "See All the People," traces the town's history from 1877-1977.

She explained that it comes from the children's game that is played with fingers to the rhyme, "Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people."

The front cover of the book shows the town's most visible landmark, the tall and slender steeple of the First Congregational Church, with three steeplejacks dangling on ropes from the steeple's tip. The rear cover shows a view down from the steeple's belfry to a crowd of local residents.

"I knew what the title would be all along," she said. "Because every time we drove down the street with grandchildren, all of the kids thought the steeple belonged to them. Every time we saw the steeple, we did the little rhyme. I think everybody in town feels the way the kids do about the steeple."

The organization of the book is alphabetical by topic, with separate chapters on key years — 1877, 1927 and 1977 — interspersed through the text. There are also occasional reminis-

cences by the author throughout. The topics are wide ranging — from Adam's Apple (Temperance), on to Age of Autos, Blacks, Churches, Paper, Schools, Sports and Zoning.

Surnames recorded

The book's front and rear flyleaves show the surnames of nearly all the people who lived in Lee in 1977.

One resident who waited in line for the author's signature yesterday said he liked Mrs. Consolati's candor in telling the story of Lee during the past 100 years.

"The thing that impressed me," said Lester J. Clarke of

South Lee, "was that she didn't gloss over the past — there were a bunch of reprobates and bigots in around in those days. And she didn't give undue credit to the present — to give the impression that we're a bunch of angels."

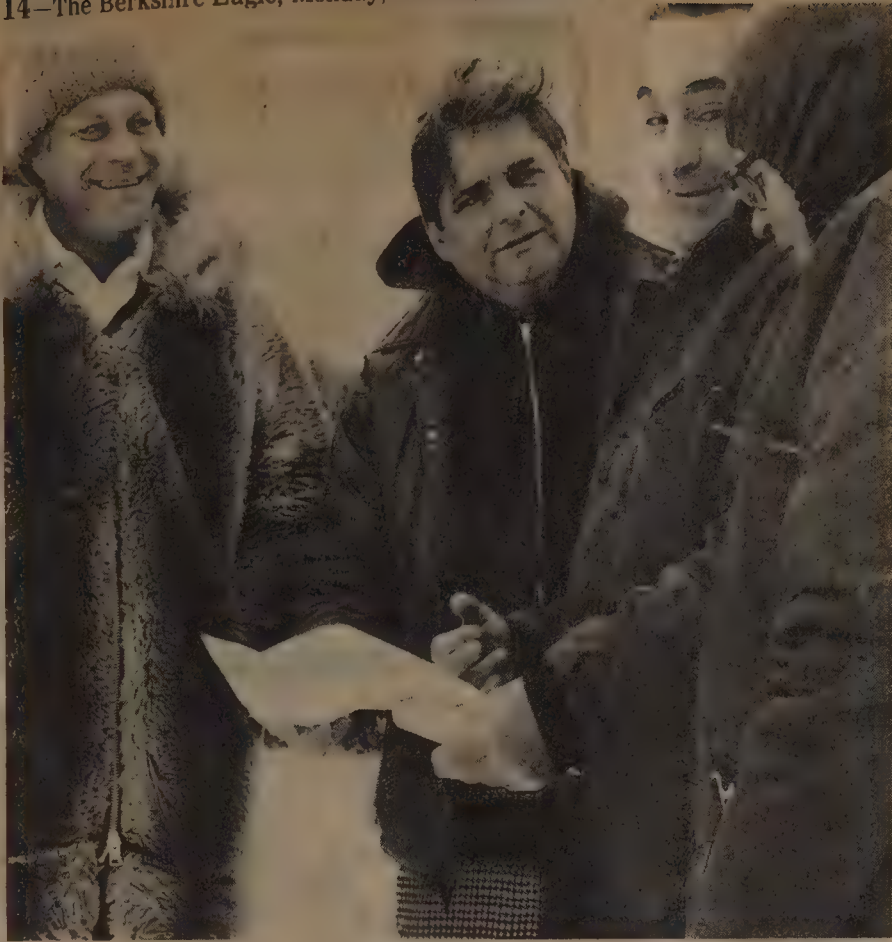
"She didn't try to make anything better or prettier than it was."

Paid \$1,000

"This has been her life for the past five years," said daughter Deidre, as her mother continued signing copy after copy of the history. The work was obviously a labor of love. Mrs. Consolati is being paid \$1,000 for her work. Deidre's services as an editor were voluntary.

Three thousand copies of the books were ordered by the town's Bicentennial History Committee, including 1,500 hardcover and 1,500 softcover editions. As of last Friday, a total of 1,585 copies had been sold, according to Charlotte Davis of the history committee.

Copies are still on sale at the Lee Newsroom and McClelland's Drug Store on Main Street.



John S. Egan

MAP of Upper Goose Pond in Tyringham and Lee is subject of discussion by Tyringham Selectmen. Chairman Robert K. Clark, holding map. Lee Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy, at right, looks on. Listening are Robert L. Herbst, left, assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior, and Richard E. Kendall, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Management. The four were part of a group of federal, state and local officials who traveled to Upper Goose Pond Saturday for a visual inspection.

20 journey over Goose Pond to view proposed aquisition

By John S. Egan

LEE — About 20 federal, state and local officials and outdoor enthusiasts donned parkas and boots early Saturday morning to hike or ski the length of Lower Goose Pond to take a look at the National Park Service's newest proposed acquisition — about 600 acres of undeveloped land in Lee and Tyringham surrounding Upper Goose Pond.

The announcement of plans to acquire land surrounding the remote body of water was made officially at the Red Lion Inn Friday night by Robert L. Herbst, assistant Secretary of the Interior.

The proposed acquisition is part of a \$4 million effort by state and federal agencies to purchase land on either side of the 75.3-mile length of the Appalachian Trail that winds through Berkshire County. The acquisition includes the land surrounding Upper Goose Pond and a sec-

tion of the Appalachian Trail that passes nearby.

The tract has been characterized by Robert Proudman, trail supervisor for the Appalachian Mountain Club, as "a remarkable piece of land that would be of great benefit to the citizens of Berkshire County." While there are many vacation homes on the shores of Lower Goose Pond, there are only a couple of structures on Upper Goose.

George S. Wislocki, executive director of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, organized the trek across the ice to Upper Goose Saturday. Other officials included Herbst, Richard E. Kendall, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Management, Thomas J. Deans, executive director of the Appalachian Mountain Club, Lee Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy and Tyringham Selectmen Chairman Robert Clark.

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Joel Librizzi

NEW CITIZEN, Soo-Ja Wyrzykowski of South Lee, raises her hand in naturalization ceremony. Her father,

Werner, raises hand beside her. Fifteen foreign-born persons, including three children, became citizens.

Adopted Korean child follows parents' path to citizenship

By Gerald B. O'Connor

Soo-Ja Wyrzykowski arrived in South Lee two days before Christmas in 1976, a Korean orphan adopted by Werner and Ok Ja Wyrzykowski after a wait of more than two years.

This morning in Berkshire County Superior Court, Soo-Ja became a U.S. citizen, raising her right hand cautiously as Assistant Clerk of Courts Deborah Capeless read the oath of citizenship.

For her parents, Soo-Ja's naturalization was exciting for three reasons. Each of them had raised their right hands to repeat the same oath in the same courtroom, Werner in 1963, and Ok Ja in 1964.

Werner, now a custodian at

the Lee Savings Bank, came to this country from East Berlin, Germany, while Ok Ja came from Taegu, Korea. They met in Seoul, Korea, when Werner was there as a soldier and now live on Pine Street in South Lee.

Total of 15

Soo-Ja, 6½, was one of three children naturalized this morning and one of 15 persons overall. Judge William W. Simons welcomed them to their new status, and members of the Peace Party chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution gave them flags and refreshments afterward.

The youngest of the children was Jung Frederick Pryjma, a 2-year-old Korean boy, son of

Philip and Maureen Pryjma of Cecilia Mendes Santos, 94 Sadler Avenue, and Abilio Santos, 25 Hillside Ave., both from Portugal.

Bindy Lyn Crouch from Vietnam, who received her citizenship this morning as well, is 4 and the daughter of Keith and Judy Crouch of 78 Somerset Ave., Pittsfield.

Others were Edward Ciara of 21 Bellview Ave., Adams, a native of Poland; Sharon Bode Corliss of 857 Main St., Dalton, a native of England, and El Badaoui Chidiac Khoury of 284 North Main St., Lanesboro, a native of Lebanon.

Others, all from Pittsfield, were Waltraud Myers, 81 Pollock Ave., from Germany; Dr. Jayashree Kankesh Shroff, Colonial Gardens, from India, and

Cecilia Mendes Santos, 94 Sadler Ave., and Abilio Santos, 25 Hillside Ave., both from Portugal.

Also, Giovanni DiGirolamo, 635 East St.; Giovanni Trotta, 56 Chickering St.; Dante Arthur and Tina D'Aniello, both of 15 Goodrich St., and Maria Saporo, 14 Saratoga Drive, all from Italy.



Barbara Guttormsen

QUEUE of Lee residents lines up in front of old East Lee School for a give-away of used Lee School Department desks and chairs. The School Department, in an

effort to clean out the former school, offered desks to residents on a first come, first serve basis Saturday.

Offer of free furniture draws a crowd

LEE — A crowd of Lee residents lined up well before 9 on Saturday morning at the old East Lee School to get a chance at the old wooden desks that were being given away for free.

In less than an hour, all of the 180-odd desks and chairs were gone.

"They went like crazy," said Superin-

tendent Maurice J. Boulanger, who snagged a couple of desks for his family.

The School Department announced two weeks ago it would give away to Lee resident, on a first come, first serve basis, all wooden desks and chairs stored in the East Lee School, which closed in September 1977. Each resident would be eligible

to take away two desks and chairs until they were all gone.

"The cars were lined up on both sides of Silver Street," said Boulanger, who arrived at the old school at about 8:50 Saturday morning. "There was quite a line out front."



John S. Egan

CLOSING of Lee's First United Methodist Church has been recommended by parishioners' study com-

mittee. The 80-year-old structure is located on High Street near the Central School.

Lee Methodist study panel urges church be disbanded

LEE — A committee of parishioners has recommended that the First United Methodist Church on High Street be disbanded, the Rev. Robert S. Brightman, pastor, revealed yesterday.

The main reason for the recommendation is that the 80-year-old church build-

ing is "too expensive to maintain and participate and vote at this conference."

The First United Methodist Church of Lee is part of the Housatonic Valley Co-operative Parish which also includes churches in Housatonic, Alford and Great Barrington.

Last October, the chairman of the board of trustees wrote to the

records, Methodists also held meetings in various schoolhouses. By 1839, church membership had grown to more than 100 members. A sanctuary, measuring 55 feet in length and 40 feet in width, was completed at the High Street site on Jan. 25, 1840. Membership

Lee to seek \$25,000 HUD grant available to 'distressed' areas

By John S. Egan

LEE — The Selectmen Monday night agreed to apply for a \$25,000 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant being made available to towns and cities that HUD classifies as "distressed."

Lee is one of four Berkshire County municipalities to be so classified in HUD's listing of 59 "distressed" towns and cities in Massachusetts. The others in the county are Adams, North Adams and Pittsfield. The grant could be used to help revitalize the downtown, preserve buildings or stabilize neighborhoods.

The "distressed" criteria are based on factors such as levels of unemployment, age of housing and population decline. Constantine Constantinides, acting director of state planning, said this morning that HUD had forwarded to state officials breakdowns of "distressed" criteria on a per-city basis but that there was no such breakdown for "distressed" towns.

The HUD grants will be awarded to Massachusetts towns and cities on a competitive basis, Constantinides said. The state will have a total of \$250,000 available under the program, called the HUD 701 Incentive Program. The maximum award to a city or town will be \$25,000. There are no local matching funds required. Application deadline is Feb. 15.

The Selectmen Monday said they would invite Berkshire County grant-writer Philip Dumouchel to help them prepare a grant application.

"The Chamber of Commerce has mentioned a study of downtown's needs," said Selectman John E. DeVarenes. "We're talking about trying to get a grant to study the same kind of things — downtown development and encouragement to business."

Revitalization

The notification letter from the state director of planning, DeVarenes said, lists "revitalization of the downtown center, preservation and stabilization of neighborhoods and adaptive reuse of older buildings" as three of the six major areas for application of HUD Incentive Program funds.

An attachment to the notification

letter gives a general breakdown of different factors that might qualify a town or city as "distressed," as defined by federal guidelines. The factors include the age of housing based upon the amount produced prior

to 1940, per capita income based on a standard of \$1,424, a population lag or decline based on a rate of 15.52 percent for the period 1960-1975, a rate of employment of 7.69 percent or higher and a poverty level based on

11.24 percent of the households below the poverty level.

Constantinides said he "would assume" eligible towns "have met at least three of the criteria" used to determine the federal definition of "distressed."

Mr. Ryan is elected head of Lee Housing Authority

LEE — The Rev. Walter S. Ryan has been elected chairman of the Lee Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority at its Monday meeting also elected Francis G. Fanning of Laurel Street as vice chairman and Marjorie B. Szewczak of Pleasant Street as treasurer. A Housing Authority vacancy was also filled Monday, as the Selectmen appointed Thomas R. Garrity of Devon Road to serve out the remaining term of Clyde Gleason, who recently resigned.

Mr. Ryan, pastor of the First Congregational Church and a six-year member of the Housing Authority, succeeds Frank P. Consolati as chairman.

Consolati served as head of the five-member authority from its inception in 1970 until last summer, when he announced plans to step down from the post. Consolati had held the single state-appointed position on the authority. The secretary of the state Office of Communities and Development in November appointed Mrs. Szewczak to fill that vacancy.

More elderly housing

Mr. Ryan said this morning that "a need for more housing for the elderly" is one of his immediate concerns as chairman.

"There is a need," he said, "and not just for low-income elderly, but for middle-income elderly also."

Physical improvements to existing local housing to benefit elderly handicapped persons is



Rev. Walter S. Ryan

another concern, he said.

"This is a critical need," Mr. Ryan said. "There are many elderly persons who come out of the hospital confined to wheelchairs, or who are unable to climb stairs. The authority wants to inform the community there are lots of grants and loans available to individuals who wish to improve their property to aid the handicapped."

While the Housing Authority will continue to push for the enlargement of the 48-unit Brown Memorial Court, state officials have indicated there is little funding available for such ex-

pansions, according to the new chairman.

"We've been told there's no more money for the big units," Mr. Ryan said. "They're accentuating the small dwelling in the community. Of course, we're still keeping our plans (for the Brown Memorial Court expansion) on the list."

Mr. Ryan first joined the Housing Authority in October 1972, when the Selectmen appointed him to fill a vacancy. He was elected to a five-year authority term in May 1976.

Born in England of American parents, Mr. Ryan graduated from Yale Divinity School in 1955. He served as minister at the Union Congregational Church in Richmond Hill, N.Y., the Norwalk (Conn.) Methodist Church, the First Methodist Church in Pittsfield and the Scarsdale (N.Y.) Congregational Church.

He became pastor of the First Congregational Church of Lee in October 1968. Mr. Ryan has served as past chairman of the Lee Council on Aging, helped form the Pittsfield Council on Aging, and served on governor's committees on aging in Massachusetts and Michigan.

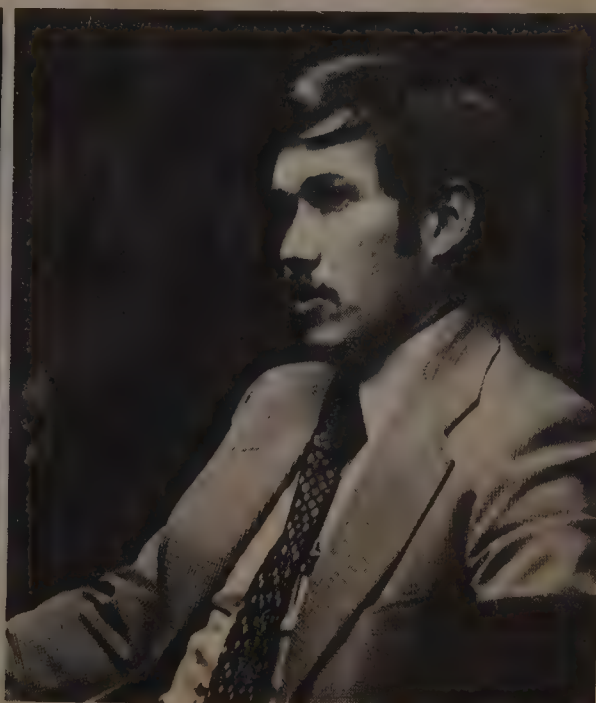
As chairman he will preside over all authority meetings, which are held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Brown Memorial Court.

Cepacol Lozenges 24's, 69¢. McClelland Rexall, Main Street — Adv.



John S. Egan

THERESA TERRACE resident John D. Glomb urges Parker and other DPW members to reconsider board's action on sewer article. About a dozen residents of the three streets turned out at Town Hall last night for an informal hearing.



John S. Egan

LEE DPW Board Chairman David M. Parker explains board's reasons for not making positive recommendation on special town meeting article to authorize the installation of sewers on Theresa Terrace and Marble and George Streets.

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John S. Egan

BIG PICKEREL is displayed by grandson and grandmother who caught it, Keith A. Whalen of Stockbridge and Mrs. Louise G. Whalen of Lee. The 6½-pounder was caught at Laurel Lake Monday.

Grandmother, grandson land big pickerel

LEE — A grandmother-grandson team of anglers landed a 6½-pound pickerel at Laurel Lake late Monday afternoon.

The fish, which measured 27 inches in length, was hauled up from the icy waters by 76-year-old Louise G. Whalen of Prospect Street and her 11-year-old grandson, Keith A. Whalen.

Mrs. Whalen, an angler for more than half a century, had been out on the ice for more than six hours Monday when the pickerel started tugging at her line. After a few minutes struggle, she was able to reel the big fish up toward the surface. Her grandson helped her pull the fish through the hole in the ice.

Mrs. Whalen was using a shi-

ner for bait and fishing at a depth of about 15 feet when the pickerel struck her line. The

state record pickerel weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

Trophy-sized catches are nothing new for the Whalen clan, according to Mrs. Whalen. One of her sons, Raymond Whalen of Goodrich Street, Stockbridge, Keith's father, said the whole family often spends entire Sundays ice-fishing on Laurel Lake. Sometimes one of them will catch a big fish, he explained.

Craig M. Whalen, Keith's older brother, caught the largest pickerel in the state in 1977 — an 8-pounder.

Free Bridal Bouquet registration at our showing Jan. 21st. The Marskandiser, florist and greenhouse, Lee, 243-1364. — Adv.

Lee committee votes against regional move

By John S. Egan

LEE — The Lee School Committee rejected last night a motion that would have paved the way for a town meeting vote on creation of a committee to study regionalization of the school system.

School Committee member William F. Tyer introduced a motion that the School Committee submit an article for the annual town meeting warrant. The article would authorize creation of a regionalization study committee.

In a roll call vote, School Committee members Tyer, Chairman Marguerite M. Tristany and Mary Ellen McDonald voted in favor of the motion. Members Henry G. Greiner, Joseph C. Savery and John H. Dolan voted against the motion. Tyer said that the split vote on the motion represented "a negative vote."

Tyer's introduced his motion because of concern with regionalization discussions getting under way in neighboring towns. The Berkshire Hills Regional School District has expressed an interest in a move initiated in Lenox to have that town join the district. Voters at the Lenox annual town meeting will be asked to authorize the establishment of a regional school district study committee.

"The request is being made because there is activity in neighboring communities on regionalization," said Tyer. "It was felt that it would be an advantage to have a (Lee) study committee know what's going on around us. They would study the possibility of Lee entering a regional school system."

Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger, who appeared to favor a study, said that the last study done in Lee on regionalization took place in 1972. Regionalization proposals including Lee and Lenox have gone down to defeat by voters in each town several times in the past.

"This vote would not be a vote for regionalization," Tyer said. "It would be only a vote to give people in the community an opportunity to study it."

Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger said he had discussed regionalization possibilities with Lenox Superintendent Roland M. Miller in the past.

It takes numbers

"There are all kinds of possibilities," he said. "You could put Grades 9 and 10 in their high school and Grades 11 and 12 here. You could put us both together and there'd still be a small high school — about 800 students. It takes numbers to make course offerings cost effective. This is the kind of thing that should be studied."

Boulanger said that regionalization of school systems "take years" and that he would be retired before that possible eventuality. "But I'm a tax-paying citizen of Lee, and I think it would be a good study from a fiscal standpoint."

School Committee member Henry G. Greiner, however, indicated his opposition to even the study of regionalization. He said his position was unchanged from the last time voters considered the question.

Per-pupil costs

"You want to look at per-pupil costs of regional versus local schools," he said, noting that some regional school districts are reporting 20 percent budget increases this year. Greiner also disagreed with the contention that regionalization means greater course offerings to students. "If you're talking offering three or four language courses, maybe they (regional school districts) do. But we offer advanced math and science to our students now. There are all kinds of college prep courses."

A vivacious new history of Lee

SEE ALL THE PEOPLE: In Lee, Massachusetts, A Mill Town Under a Steeple. By Florence S. Consolati. Studley Press, Dalton, 1978. 442 pp. \$10 hardcover, \$6 paperback.

Reviewed by
KATHARINE H. ANNIN

ACCORDING to the usual classification by numbers, there now stand side by side on a shelf in the Lee Public Library two books that could scarcely offer a greater contrast.

"The Centennial History and the Centennial Celebration of the Town of Lee, Massachusetts" was written in 1878 by the Rev. C.M. Hyde and his son, Alexander, and it is a useful historical record, laudatory in typical Victorian style. But for lively reading and a realistic picture of the same town, it is not to be compared with Florence Consolati's vivacious new book titled "See All the People," which picks up where the older volume stops to cover the second century since Lee's incorporation.

Because the slender white steeple of Lee's old Congregational Church dominates the village and has always reminded her of a finger game she enjoyed as a child, Mrs. Consolati chose it as the motif of her book: "Here's the church and here's the steeple. Open the doors, and see all the people."

With the subtitle "In Lee, Massachusetts, A Mill Town Under a Steeple," the front cover shows Warren Fowler's hair-raising photograph of the steeple being scaled by three steeple-jacks who repaired it in 1970, while the back cover depicts the throng of waving citizens in the park below caught by the camera of Paul Rocheleau. The dedication reads, "For families — history's hope," and the endpapers record, in closely spaced lines, all the surnames that appear, from Abbott to Zukowski, in the town census for 1977.

Practically every page is illustrated with one or more pictures that give reality to the people, places, events and anecdotes in the text, which taken as a whole show that Lee "finds its 100-year experience no better, no worse than that of Everyman."

Five years of effort went into the book's writing, of which the author declares, "It was never a dull task or onerous," and "It was fun. I loved it!"

She gratefully acknowledges help and support from her family and many Lee friends, as she researched masses of material in the archives of many institutions in the region, and from interviews with elderly and longtime inhabitants. She expresses indebtedness especially to her daughter, Deidre, who had publishing experience to contribute as editor, and to her high school English teacher,

Lena Beal, who long ago recognized and encouraged Florence Consolati's talent for writing entertainingly.

Her own experience of 33 years as one of *The Berkshire Eagle's* county correspondents stood her in good stead as she sorted her vast accumulation of notes and selected and captioned pictures from among 2,000 submitted to her. Everything she thought usable she filed alphabetically by subject, a system that she eventually adopted for the book itself. Thus, the table of contents, filling two double-column pages in the front of the book, serves as general index, listing alphabetically any aspect of life in Lee you are likely to want to refer to.

A random sampling of subjects covered might read: Banks, Berryng, Churches (six subdivisions by denomination),

Horseracing, Irish, Italians, Paper Mills, Regional (School) Skirmish, Trolleys and so on to Zoning. Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands conveniently provided the single entry under "Q" when she came to Lee with Princess Juliana and two grandchildren to spend their time of exile during the war at the John Bross Lloyd estate. ("The queen," said Addie Aldrich, "was just like you and me. She didn't mind if the kids kept the box of cornflakes on the breakfast table.")

Whatever the topic under consideration, Mrs. Consolati never loses sight of the people involved. What is called the "Index" at the back of the book is actually an alphabetical list 21 pages long of the names of those citizens who were making things happen in Lee over the 100-year

period. The fact that marble quarried there went to Washington, Boston and New York for some of their finest buildings receives due mention, but so also does the daily life of immigrants who worked in the quarries — their wages, religious celebrations, the way they brought up their families. There is even mention of the Catholic priests who sometimes confiscated the pay envelopes as the men exited from the mill gates on payday so that the mothers of families would have enough to buy food before it all disappeared at the local bars.

Under the heading "Arts," we follow Miss Cora Carrington who directed the Lee Players in many successful performances in the 1940s and '50s. "Cora had an artist's temperament. Once while directing an Emlyn Williams costume play, she lost her patience with the cast's ineptitude. Tearing off her elaborate court wig, she dashed it on the floor and jumped up and down, reducing the hairpiece to a mat. The awed players rated her spontaneous histrionics better than anything seen on the stage."

Most entries, whether two or 10-to-12 pages in length, end with a concise updating to the topic to 1977. Many are prefaced by an apt quotation from a local or nationally known source, such as Eric Sevareid's comment at the start of "Age of Autos": "The car is King and owns the People."

The alphabetical sequence is broken four times in a concession to chronology to allow for concise descriptions of Lee's development at 25-year intervals, and there is one charming essay, called "A Berkshire Calendar," prefaced by "Sentimentally viewing the present in the hope that future ecologists find Lee's surroundings no less beautiful."

Also, Vaughn Gray's map pulls the whole township together, both geographically and historically, with his characteristic skill.

Mrs. Consolati disclaims any capability for writing a scholarly work and hoped only to produce something "readable and simple" that might help her townspeople, especially the younger ones, to appreciate their heritage. She has achieved far more. It is a unique book that would surely have met the approval of the late Margaret Mead who shortly before she died made an urgent appeal at the Smithsonian Institution for the preservation of records of day-to-day occurrences before they slip out of memory's sight. Even if seldom considered newsworthy, they are important, she insisted, just because they happened.

See All The People

In Lee, Massachusetts
A Mill Town
Under a Steeple

By FLORENCE
CONSOLATI



Jacket — Photo by Warren Fowler

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John Egan

LEE KEY Club officers for 1979 are, from left to right, Treasurer Darren Murray, Secretary Pamela Wickham, Vice President Ann Deely, Lieutenant Governor John Scolforo of the northeast district of Key

Clubs, and President Susan Haywood. Others, continuing to the right, are William Songer, president of Key Club International; John Chapin, governor of the New England district; and Bruce Black, all of Natick.

Lee High Key Club inducts 32 members

LEE — The Lee High School Key Club inducted 32 new members at a dinner meeting last night at the East Lee Steak House.

The induction brought the total Key Club membership to 49.

About 100 people, including members, parents and guests, attended the meeting.

The keynote speaker was William Songer, a Natick high school student who is the president of Key Club International,

which is composed of 3,700 individual clubs. Another guest speaker was John Chapin, also a Natick high school student, governor of the New England district of Key Clubs.

Local speakers included John

Scolforo, lieutenant governor of the New England district of Key Clubs, Susan Haywood, Lee High School Key Club president, Lee High School Principal Robert Lucy, Donald Inglis, president of the Lee Kiwanis Club and George Bagnaschi, past governor of the New England district of Kiwanis Clubs.

Kiwanis sponsored

Key Clubs are sponsored by Kiwanis.

Songer, Chapin and Ann Deely, vice president of the Lee High School Key Club, performed the induction of new members.

The new members include Jane Babcock, Coleen Cook, Kelly Coty, Lorraine Coty, Angela Derrick, Edward Dulin, Heather Foley, Dennis Gibbs, Michael Goodfellow, Anthony Haywood, Michael Herlihy, and Jeffrey Herlihy.

Other members include Mary Jo Keenan, Ann Kelly, David Kelly, Laurie LaBier, Michael Martin, Chris Newsome, Linda Newsome, Sandy Newsome, Kathy Poulin and Dawn Rozon.

Also John Scarpa, Robert Scolforo, Joyce Spinney, Ann Tallifer, Beth Tourville, Patricia Tourville, Margaret West, Barbara Withers, James Castegnaro, and Lisa Stohr.

Post Office Sets New Size Standards July 15

PITTSFIELD — Size standards for envelopes, cards and other pieces of mail will become effective July 15, the Postal Service announced today, following a Salt Lake City, Utah meeting of its Board of Governors.

The Postal Service's Governors also adopted a recommended 7-cent surcharge for oversized and odd-shaped pieces of mail.

The new size standards were recommended by the Postal Rate Commission in April, 1976 and adopted shortly after that by the Postal Service's Governors. It was stipulated that they would not become effective until after the spring of 1978, giving customers at least two years to prepare for the change and exhaust their supplies of non-conforming envelopes and cards.

The Governors directed that both the surcharge and new minimum size standards become effective on the same date.

This means that after July 15, pieces will be non-mailable if they are less than 3-1/2 inches high, 5 inches long, or seven thousandths (.007) of an inch thick.

Subject to the 7-cent surcharge will be first-class mail weighing one ounce or less and single piece third-class mail of two ounces or less that exceed any of these dimensions: 6-1/8 inches high; 11

1/2 inches long, or 1/4 inch thick.

Also subject to the surcharge are odd-shaped pieces within the weight units noted above. The acceptable size ratio for such pieces is: the length must be between 1.3 times and 2.5 times the height.

There are two basic reasons for the new standards the postal service said. The surcharge on oversized and odd-shaped pieces will reflect the extra costs of handling them. Because of their dimensions, they usually cannot be put through letter sorting machines. The upcoming prohibition on smaller mailing pieces and flimsy cards is based on the fact that they can become trapped in other mail, tear and jam mail processing machinery. And, as a result, other mail can be damaged.

There are some exceptions to the minimum-size prohibition. If a piece is more than one-fourth of an inch thick it does not have to measure at least 3 1/2 inches high or 5 inches long. Thicker pieces, such as film mailers, can be mechanically culled from the "river" of letter mail moving through a post office's facing and cancelling equipment. Also exempted—from all but the minimum thickness standard—are keys, identification cards and tags. Film cartridge envelopes, if lightweight, will be subject to the surcharge.

Lee dispute on day care could create precedent

By John S. Egan

LEE — Like a snowball rolling down a hill, a dispute between the operator of a family day-care home and her neighbors has grown to a conflict between state and local officials over whether such a baby-sitting facility can be established in a residential district without any local zoning regulation or local inspections.

The closing of the facility has been mentioned as a possibility by the Planning Board, which holds that family day-care homes are not currently allowed in Lee because the town's zoning bylaw doesn't specifically mention them as a permitted use in a residential district.

But at least one state agency official has indicated that such a decision would be fought in the courts, because the precedent could trigger similar closings of the other 2,000 family day-care homes scattered across the state.

In March 1977, June L'Italien opened a family day-care home in a house on Union Street that she and her husband had moved into the month before.

Licensed by state

Like all other family day-care home providers, Mrs. L'Italien was licensed by the state Office for Children to provide baby-sitting services in a private residence for up to six children at a time.

Because of her state registration and inspection, Mrs. L'Italien did not think it necessary to notify any local authorities that she had started the operation. Then problems with neighbors began.

Residents of the other four houses on the private hillside street complained that cars coming to drop off or pick up children were blocking the narrow road.

Some neighbors complained of children wandering off Mrs.

L'Italien's property onto abutters' yards. Others said that the three-story Union Street house had been turned from a residence to a place of business.

Called Planning Board

Some said the facility had not been licensed to operate as "a day-care center." The gripes went to the Planning Board and the Building Inspector.

Now, 1½ years after its opening, the operator of the Little People's Family Day Care Home is at loggerheads with her neighbors and local officials.

The Planning Board, which has met twice in the last few months with Mrs. L'Italien, contends that the applicable provisions of the zoning bylaw mention as permitted uses in a residential district the "use of a room or rooms in a dwelling for customary home occupations conducted by resident occupants, such as dressmaking, candy making or for the practice, by a resident, of a recognized profession."

After a meeting with family-day care proponents last month, Building Inspector Edward M. Briggs sent Mrs. L'Italien a registered letter informing her that a maximum \$50-a-day fine could be assessed her family day-care home if it were found in violation of the zoning bylaw by a court of law.

Monday deadline

At a meeting two weeks ago, the Planning Board gave Pittsfield attorney Lanny Zuckerman, who represents Mrs. L'Italien, until Monday to inform the board in writing whether he will submit a proposed bylaw amendment that would allow the operation of family day-care homes by special permit.

Zuckerman has yet to say whether he will file such a proposal.

"The state really wants to compromise with the town, but it looks like the whole thing may come to a court decision," said Linda Rathbun, director of South County Child Care.

Supported through the state

Department of Public Welfare and private donations, South County Child Care pays Mrs. L'Italien and a dozen other family home-care providers 55 cents an hour to take care of the children of eligible working parents.

Problems elsewhere, too

Throughout discussions with the Planning Board, Mrs. L'Italien, South County Child Care and the Office for Children have argued that a family day-care home operation is essentially state-regulated baby-sitting and should be considered a "customary home occupation."

"We have run into problems with other family day-care homes in other towns," said William Warren, director of the day-care licensing unit for the Office for Children.

"It's hard for some people to understand," he said, "the distinction between a family day-care home, which can handle no more than six children at a time and takes place in a residence, and a day-care center, which is a facility designed to handle large groups" of up to 90 children.

"We do by statute require day-care centers to conform to all local zoning and inspection ordinances," he said. "As opposed to a family day-care home, which is by definition a residence."

The question of local inspection has also been a bone of contention between Office for Children officials and Briggs, who on several occasions stated that since the use of the Union Street house had been changed, a certificate of occupancy and inspection certificate were required.

Mrs. L'Italien and the Office for Children hold that no local inspections are necessary. The Union Street family day-care home was certified in April 1977 by the Office for Children and inspected shortly afterward by Irene Kimball, day-care coordinator for the Office for Children in Springfield.

Ms. Kimball says she never advises any family day-care home operator to have a home



John S. Egan

FAMILY DAY-CARE home operator June L'Italien of Union Street in Lee offers an easy target to 2-year-old batter Ryan McLaughlin. Looking on is Mrs. L'Italien's son, Robert.

inspected locally because of the state's position that a day-care home is "customary home use."

"Family day care used to happen on a natural basis," said Ms. Kimball. "It used to be called baby-sitting. What we're trying to do is establish standards for that service, because people can't seek child care from aunts, relatives and grandparents as they used to. So they're seeking child care from people they don't know. That's why the state established family day-care regulations."

Lengthy inspection

The Office for Children inspection of a family day-care home involves a lengthy checklist of potential health and safety hazards.

Electrical outlets must be covered. There must be a clean and accessible bathroom. No space heater or wood stove can be located in the area that children frequent. There can be no peeling paint on walls. Proper bedding materials and adequate

napping space are required. A fire extinguisher must be kept in the kitchen. Medical information must be kept for each child.

"What we're doing," said Ms. Kimball, "is trying to see that minimum rules and regulations are followed in a service that has existed for years and years, where there were no rules or regulations."

"June (L'Italien) is doing a very good job," said Ms. Kimball.

A number of working mothers, whose children attend the Union Street family day-care home, agree.

One woman, Carol Smith of West Stockbridge, said that closing the facility would "work a great hardship" because Mrs. L'Italien "charges far less than anyone I contacted and for far better facilities."

Throughout the deliberations and debates with local authorities, Mrs. L'Italien has continued to operate the family day-care home for the half-dozen children who are dropped off

each day.

She provides breakfast, lunch, two snacks for all children and dinners for children whose parents work late. The food is paid for by the \$1 per hour she charges non-welfare children, reimbursements from the Department of Public Welfare for the others and occasional requested donations of foodstuffs from parents.

Despite the uncertainty over what step the Planning Board will take next, William Warren is optimistic that Mrs. L'Italien and state officials will reach an understanding with local officials.

"Most conflicts with towns have been settled before they reach court," he said. "The towns essentially have wound up agreeing with us."

Exploding pipe cuts off Lee water

By John S. Egan

LEE — The rupture in a high-pressure water main which shut down the town's supply system for more than seven hours yesterday and prompted issuance of an order that all water be boiled was caused by a small fracture in the main, according to J. Peter Scolforo, Department of Public Works superintendent.

Lee residents awoke yesterday to find that water in their taps had become discolored with mud. Service to about 2,000 households was shut down at 7 a.m. The Board of Health issued an order that all town water, as well as water drawn from Cold Spring on Tyringham Road and Glendale Spring on Route 183 in Stockbridge be boiled 20 minutes before drinking.

While most local businesses stayed open yesterday, Lee Summer School closed for the day. Several restaurants used water from the springs and served food on paper plates, to avoid dishwashing. One local pharmacy served coffee-made from the same distilled water that is used to make prescriptions.

Although service was restored at 2 p.m. yesterday, many local residents continued to boil town water today, since the Board of Health order is still in effect. Tri-Town technician William S. Enser said that coliform tests on town water were being conducted and that the board's order on boiling could possibly remain in effect through tomorrow.

The break occurred in a section of 10-inch high-pressure pipe that runs from

the town's upper reservoir to a chlorinator and control building above the Vaninetti Reservoir. The line, built of 13-foot sections of asbestos and concrete pipe, is at least 20 years old, Scolforo estimated. He said it was impossible to determine whether the break was caused by a flaw in the pipe's material or by damage during installation.

"There was a whole lot of pressure on the line," said Everett J. Buffone of the

Water Department. Buffone and Water Department employee Joseph Leahey were the break at about 6 a.m.

"There was just a small crack but it was taking the pressure of all the water going into town," Buffone said.

The force of the rupture blew a 3-foot sliver of pipe out of the ground. The released water carved a hole in the earth 5 feet deep and about 12 feet in diameter. By the time Buffone and Leahey could reach the break, cascading water had washed out several hundred feet of the road leading to the upper reservoir.

Leahey said it took a 6-foot key to close a valve above the break and shut off water. DPW trucks imported loads of earth to refill the washed-out road so that excavation equipment could move a new section of pipe to the site of the break.

The muddy water in the town system was caused by runoff from the rupture that washed into the lower reservoir, Buffone said.

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PIPE section that was blown out by force of break in Lee water main is

Emergencies excepted

Lee firemen to charge for service of pumping out flooded basements

LEE — The Lee Fire Department will start charging for its service of pumping water from flooded basements in all but non-emergency cases, Fire Chief Ottavio B. Giarolo told the Selectmen last night.

Giarolo said that this year the department has been hit with more calls than ever after heavy rain storms. Many of the callers are homeowners who have chronic problems with basement flooding and who have come to rely on the Fire Department's free pumping service, rather than pay for the installation of a permanent sump pumps in their basements.

To cut down on the calls, the department will start charging \$5 per man per hour for its pumping services, except in emergency cases or where the elderly or disabled are concerned, Giarolo said. Two men are generally stationed on each pumping job, he said. The revenues would go to the firemen who do the pumping.

Selectmen approve

The Selectmen expressed approval for the plan. "I'm getting an awful lot of

static from the best part of my firemen about cellar pumping," Giarolo said.

"During the last heavy rains," Giarolo said, "we went out at 3 a.m. and pumped cellars all day and all night. I never got to bed until 8 p.m. the next day."

In the past, Giarolo said, the Fire Department had used its three large pumps and four small pumps to answer requests from homeowners with flooded basements. "For years, it was public relations," he said, "because we never got turned down in any of our requests at town meetings."

But recently, Giarolo said, the number of calls has increased dramatically and some persons have become more demanding. "We had one who asked us if we could get out the vacuum and vacuum water from her basement rug," he said indignantly.

The fire chief said he hoped the new policy of charging for pumping services would encourage homeowners with chronic flooding problems to install sump pumps.

The Selectmen told Giarolo to go ahead and institute the new policy.



John S. Egan

Lee Fire Chief Ottavio B. Giarolo
"Getting an awful lot of static"

"I wondered when you guys were going to smarten up," Selectman Lena D. Bettega said. Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy commended the department for its work during the winter's heavy rain storms. "I think the firemen in town already do enough for the people in Lee," he said.

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LEE MARBLE quarry's new owner, Domenico Ferrara stands on wooden walkway leading down into quarry. Ferrara hopes to resume full-scale cutting and finishing operations at the quarry, a source of hardest commercial marble in the U.S. John S. Egan

Marble quarry in Lee is sold to Canadian

By John S. Egan

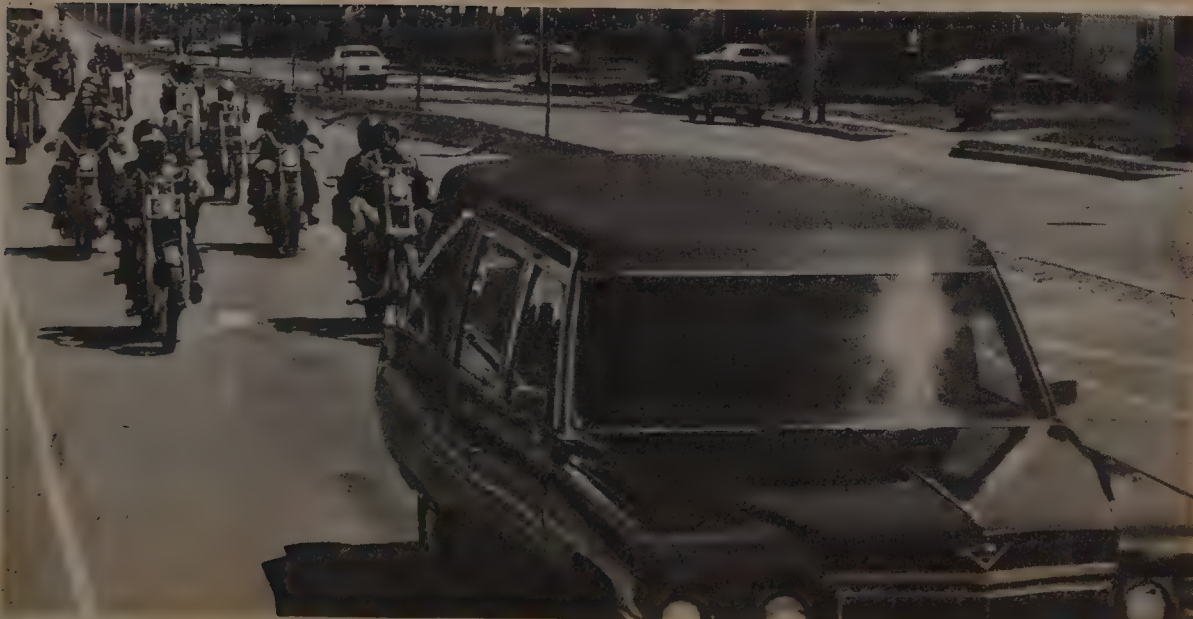
LEE — The Lee marble quarry, tied up for months in foreclosure and bankruptcy proceedings, has been purchased for \$320,000 by a Canadian stone-cutter who hopes to resume round-the-clock quarrying and finishing operations there within the next year.

Domenico Ferrara, who owns

Giacomo & Duro Stone Ltd. in Montreal, on July 20 bought the 15-acre property and associated buildings on Marble Street from Nycon Capital Corp. Ferrara for the past two years had held a lease with option to buy the property from Nycon but had been unable to complete the transaction because of bankruptcy actions and delayed foreclosure actions against the quarry's former owners, Arthur Weiss & Sons of New York City. In the meantime Ferrara had done some quarrying and finishing there, under the name Lee Marble Company. He recently supplied the marble facing for the new addition to the Lee Library.

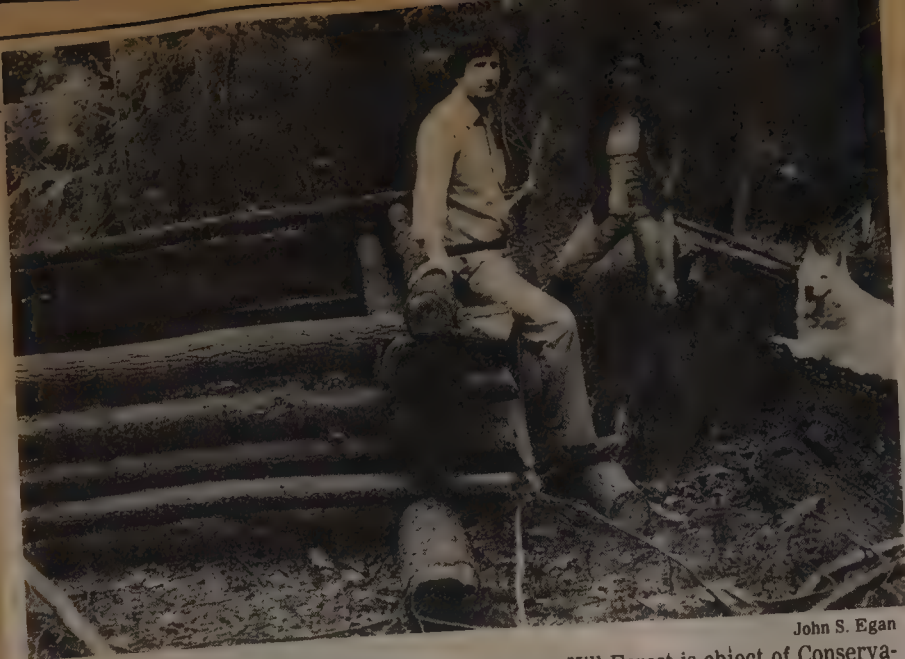
an established market for marble in Canada, he says that for now about 1/2 of the marble cut from the Lee quarry will be shipped north of the border. By concentrating on production of marble slabs for U.S. suppliers and "small construction jobs," he says he will slowly build a U.S. market.

The Lee marble quarry, first established sometime before 1850, was for almost one hundred years a source of marble for famous public buildings. It furnished 491,000 feet of stone for the Capitol extension in Washington, D.C. between 1852 and 1865. Operated by the William Gross family from 1867 to 1924, the quarry also supplied marble for Philadelphia's City Hall, Grant's Tomb and St. Patrick's



May 22: Warlocks motorcycle club members follow hearse carrying body of member William Limburg, who died of stab wounds suffered in Tyler Street alter-

cation. Funeral was held at Dalton Congregational Church with cremation following at Pittsfield Cemetery. This photo was taken on Dalton Avenue. Joel Librizzi



John S. Egan

ILLEGAL CABIN constructed in Lee's Golden Hill Forest is object of Conservation Commission concern. Commission members Ronald Smith and Deidre Consolati are at right. Stumps of trees used for logs are behind Ms. Consolati.

Lee officials find cabin being built in town forest

LEE — The Conservation Commission has discovered in the 63-acre town-owned Golden Hill Forest a half-built cabin constructed from trees that were cut down on a slope near the Pinnacle, a wilderness area.

About 30 trees have been cut and fashioned into logs for the cabin, located on one of the high ridges that run from the Golden Hill shelter to Navin Heights, according to Ronald Smith, vice chairman of the Conservation Commission. He did not know who was building the cabin.

Woodcutting within the 38-acre wilderness area surrounding the Pinnacle, a 1,270-foot-high outcrop in the center of Golden Hill Forest, is prohibited. Cutting is allowed by permit on the lower slopes of the forest. The Conser-

vation Commission in June designated the 38 acres as a wilderness area.

"The Conservation Commission wants to point out the vandalism that's been going on in the forest and at the shelter," said Conservation Commission member Deidre Consolati.

"Someone cut a lot of trees down to build this shelter. There have been reports of trees being cut at the shelter for firewood. One that was felled hit the shelter roof last week."

"The Conservation Commission will call the police to make an arrest if we learn that someone is cutting trees illegally," said Smith.

The Conservation Commission has not yet decided what to do with the half-built cabin, Smith

said. The commission may contact CETA workers to cut up the logs into firewood for local residents.

Sewer Lines

Completely installed \$3 per ft. Free estimates. Lee Blacktop Corp., Devon Rd., Lee, 243-1246. — Adv.

Sweet corn and other vegetables are ready now! Ed Sadowski, 69 Golden Hill Rd., Lenox Dale. Reasonably priced. — Adv.

100 SWEATERS AT FACTORY PRICES

BACK TO SCHOOL

Wool Shetland

Crew Neck

POLO VEE



Robert M. McDonough

April 29: Williams rowing team practices for competition in Eastern Association of Women's Rowing Colleges. Williams hosted the event, held in May on Onota

Lake. Impossible weather conditions made it necessary to cancel the championship regatta. Some 23 teams from as far away as Nebraska competed.



FRIDAY, 17TH:

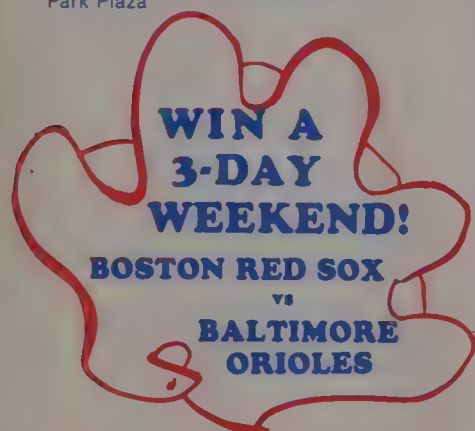
CLAMBAKE
12 Noon in Morgan Alley by The Morgan House
AUCTION
Preview 5:30 P.M. — Sale 7:30 P.M. — Tru-Value Parking Lot — by Louis Carpresso
CALLIOPE
from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.
HELIUM BALLOONS
from 3 to 8 P.M.
SKITS AND PUPPETEERS
in afternoon, by Berkshire Theatre Festival
EASTOVER MAYFLOWER FLOAT
Park Plaza

SATURDAY, 18TH:

TAG SALE
9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Tru-Value Parking Lot by Rotary Club
BEERFEST
4 P.M. to 10 P.M. Tru-Value Parking Lot by Rotary Club
DIXIELAND BAND
3 "CHURCHES" BAKE SALE
Congregational Church Lawn
CHICKEN BARBEQUE
12 Noon in the Morgan Alley by The Morgan House
"Body Charms"
12 Noon to 5 P.M. in the Park by Hair Again LTD
BLACKSMITH DEMONSTRATION
12 Noon to 5 P.M. in the Park
DOG OBEDIENCE DEMONSTRATION
2 P.M. in the Park by Little Creek Kennels
Flea Market in the Park
OLD FASHIONED MELODRAMA
8 P.M. in the Park by Lee Art Center
Skits and Puppeteers
in afternoon, by Berkshire Theatre Festival

SUNDAY, 19TH:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
7 A.M. Tru-Value Parking Lot by Rotary Club
MUSIC
by Larry Piekos
SKITS AND PUPPETEERS
in afternoon, by Berkshire Theatre Festival



Salebration Days. Register for free chances at participating stores to win a gift: 3-day weekend Dufour tour for two!! Boston Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles, Sept. 14-16. Gift sponsored by Dufour Brothers, Inc.



Event sponsored by the Lee Chamber of Commerce



Feb. 5: Sunday afternoon skaters enjoy Pittsfield Common off First Street.

Joel Librizzi



Dorothy W. Chapman

June 25: Rowena Humphrey, named Miss Massachusetts, signs autographs at party given her by her hometown of Worthington. Miss Humphrey later represented state in national Miss America contest.



UPI

April 26: Former Pittsfield Mayor Evan S. Dobelle and his wife Edith smile at White House session at which President Carter announced Dobelle's appointment as Democratic National Committee treasurer and Mrs. Dobelle's appointment to replace her husband as chief of protocol of United States.



Stephen Fay

July 6: Fresh Air children gather at Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York City awaiting buses that will take them to the Berkshires. Some 150 made the trip.



Mark Mitchel

March 18: Drury coach Irene Bianchi displays trophy her Blue Devils won in state Division 2 women's basketball championship by beating Westwood 42-41. Drury was first county distaff team to win state title.

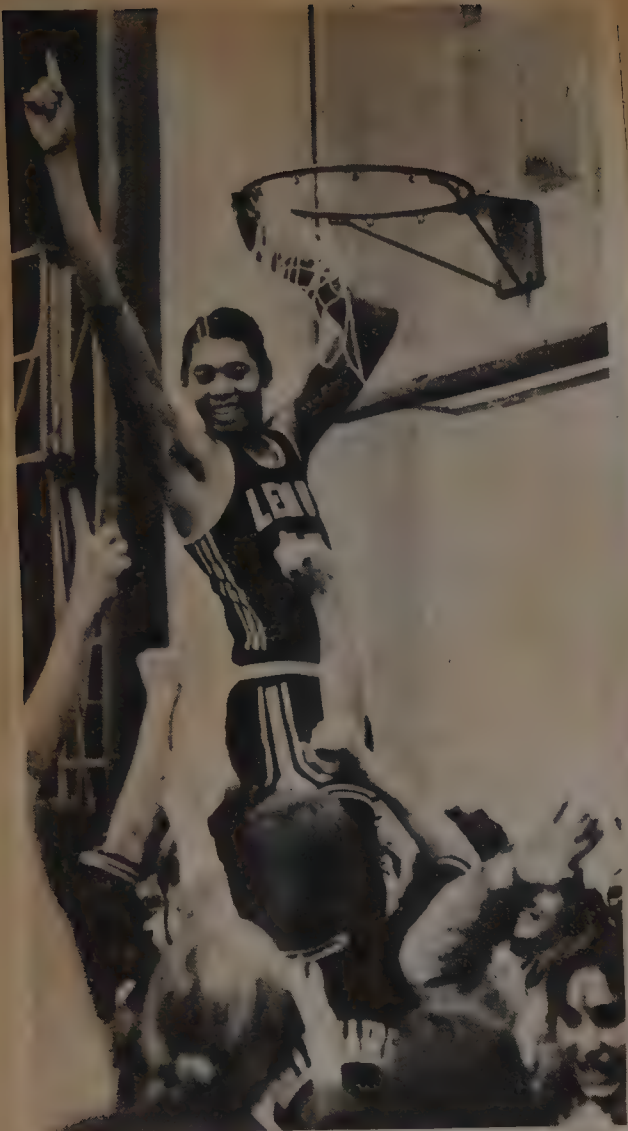
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Stephen Hawkins

Jan. 19: Big N discount store in Pittsfield Plaza shopping center opens its going-out-of-business sale under plan approved by federal bankruptcy court for

Neisner Brothers Inc. Store had opened at West Housatonic Street site in 1962. Closing left shopping plaza without a major tenant.



Stephen Hawkins

Feb. 28: Lenox Memorial High School team wins first Berkshire County basketball championship in school's history with 54-49 victory over Drury. Eric Taylor, who scored 11 baskets, removes strings from hoop in victory celebration. Taylor hauled down 26 rebounds.



Mark Mitchell

Feb. 20: M.W. Stedman rake factory, Tyringham business founded in 1827, is destroyed by early morning fire. Town later voted to buy the site and the accompanying water rights to Hop Brook. Town has expressed intent to replace former dam that created a millpond, and to otherwise improve the site.



Ralph E. Brown

Feb. 14: William W. Simons, center, is invested as judge of the Superior Court. At left is fellow Superior Court Judge Charles R. Alberti. At right is Robert M. Bonin, who resigned as chief justice of the Superior Court in August after censure by the state Supreme Court on misconduct charges. Legislature had voted for his removal.



Mark Mitchell

Sept. 16: Plant tour highlights General Electric's celebration of its 75th anniversary in Pittsfield and the centennial observance of GE's corporate birth. More

than 30,000 attended "Family Day," which opened up nearly all GE shops for viewing. This is in the power transformer department.



Stephen Hawkins

Dec. 14: New plan for proposed Pyramid mall in downtown Pittsfield includes retention of building (A). Plan, however, is now in limbo because the federal

government has delayed its decision on whether to provide the nearly \$25 million the city is seeking from that source for the \$149 million mall.



Mark Mitchell

Aug. 6: Rain falls on two-hour-long Adams bicentennial parade, but it drew some 10,000 spectators anyway. This hardy contingent is Charlton (N.Y.) Militia Fife and Drum Corps. Parade marked conclusion of town's centennial celebration.



Joel Librizzi

Dec. 28: Carman C. Massimiano, right, is sworn in as new sheriff of Berkshire County by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis.



Patricia Mullin

July 22: Melvin's Pharmacy, a Great Barrington landmark and a retail phenomenon, is destroyed by a fire that broke out in the basement. The popular emporium on Main Street is expected to be rebuilt and reopened by next spring. In the meantime, it's been business more or less as usual in the parsonage of the United Methodist Church just across the street, which the church turned over to owner and pharmacist Melvin Katsh as an interim base of operations.



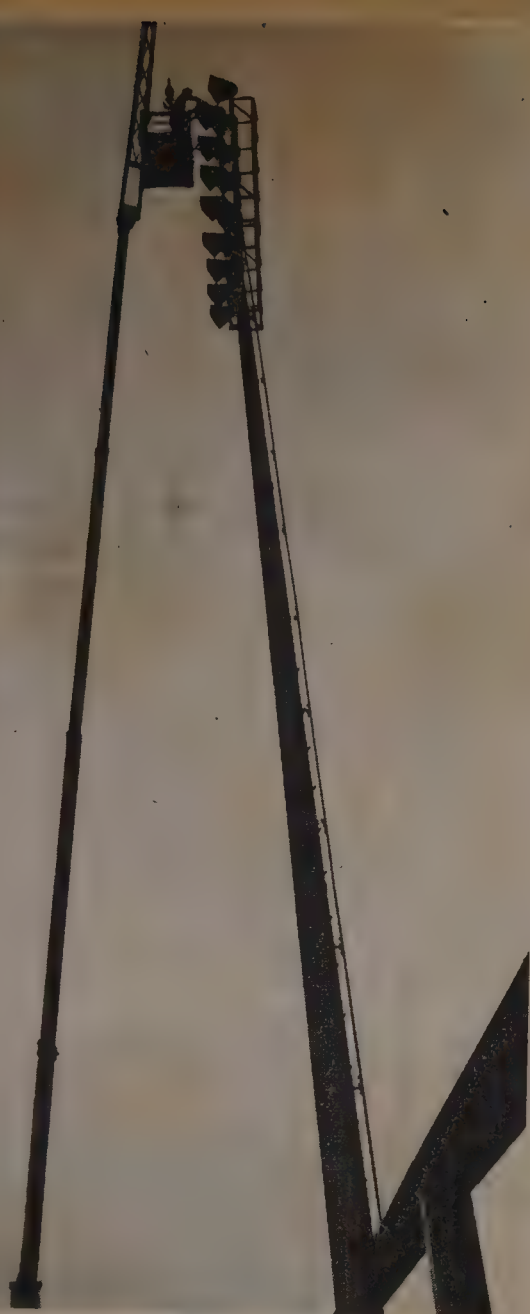
Mark Mitchell

Sept. 24: Bicyclists climb Bull Hill in Lanesboro in the second phase of the second annual Josh Billings RunAground, which began in Williamstown and ended at Stockbridge Bowl. There were 648 persons in 164 teams participating in the 39-mile race by foot, bicycle and canoe. One hardy participant completed the course by himself.



Stephen Fay

JULY 20: A high-speed chase with guns blazing resulted in the arrests of this woman and two men — accused of robbing the First Agricultural Bank branch in Dalton of \$7,400. Escorting Linda J. Gouthro to the paddy wagon after they caught up with her and her companions are Pittsfield Police Officer Thomas M. Guinan, left, and Sgt. Gary L. Crippa. Both officers were given awards for heroism after they pursued and captured the suspects in Richmond. A bag of loot taken from the bank is held by the policemen at the left.



Joel Librizzi

Aug. 10: Long-delayed lights are installed atop 90-foot poles at rejuvenated Wahconah Park.

last night told town officials they will not locate a restaurant at a proposed Housatonic Street site unless they are given permission to erect an illuminated sign that would be visible to motorists on the nearby Massachusetts Turnpike.

The pylon for the proposed sign would probably be at least 60 feet high, and the sign itself would measure 12 feet wide and 12 feet high, according to Richard Townsend, a site-development engineer for the fast-food chain.

The Selectmen expressed enthusiastic backing for the plan but told Townsend and Robert S. Donais, a Burger King real estate representative, that they have no jurisdiction over signs.

The provisions of the zoning bylaw do not allow the erection of such a free-standing sign, Selectmen Chairman Lena D. Bettega told Townsend and Donais. Building Inspector Edward M. Briggs advised the pair that Burger King could apply for a building permit through the Planning Board, which would be obliged to deny any permit to construct the sign. Burger King could then take its chances on getting a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), he said.

James Kuneman, the only Planning Board member at the meeting, said, however, that "there's a legal question of whether the ZBA could address the application for a variance because there's no apparent hardship" in the nature of the land involved.

The Arco Service Station is the only business on Housatonic Street which has an illuminated sign on an oversized pylon.

The proposed location for the new Burger King is the site of Marie's of Lee. Townsend said the high-rise sign could be located at the rear of the property, near the Housatonic River, "where it couldn't be seen by the neighborhood, only from the top of the trees or the highway."

"What I'm asking you is to vary your sign ordinance to allow us to put up a sign large enough to be seen from the turnpike," Townsend said. "Burger King would like to locate in Lee. We think we've located a viable site on Housatonic Street. The only unfortunate thing is there's not enough people in town to support a Burger King restaurant."

Townsend said Burger King had done a thorough study of the demographics, income and

traffic flow on Housatonic Street had been plugged into a computer program at corporate headquarters. He said the computer program had determined that existing traffic was insufficient to support the business.

"The sign has one purpose, to draw people from the interstate," he said. "The signs are extremely expensive. It's nothing for Burger King to spend \$30,000 on this type of sign. You have to sell a lot of hamburgers to pay that back. But without that high-rise sign, we can't guarantee the volume we need."

If granted permission for the giant sign, Townsend said he "might be able to live without" a free-standing sign in front of the restaurant. He said he prefers to have one free-standing sign in front and one sign on the building. The zoning bylaw limits a business in commercial zone to one free-standing sign 16 square feet in size and one sign on the building that is restricted in size to 2 square feet for each horizontal running foot of the side of the building displaying the sign.

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In his appeal for support, Townsend said the cost of a new Burger King restaurant would be over \$500,000. The average Burger King in Massachusetts generates about \$9,000 in local real estate tax revenues and has an annual payroll of about \$130,000. He estimated that the company would "hire between 40 to 60 young people" if the restaurant is built.

Townsend said he had expected he might have to seek a variance based on the argument that the location of the land posed a "hardship" to the proposed new business.

"I don't think the hardship is on the corporation," said Selectman John E. DeVarenes. "I think the hardship is on the town of Lee. You're talking jobs, money and taxes."

Mrs. Bettega said she hoped that Burger King would be allowed the variance for the sign and that it would go ahead with plans to build. "I think it would be a shame that we'd have to forget the whole darn thing without the sign," she said.

Kuneman recommended that the Burger King representatives be prepared to give the Planning Board estimates on how much increased traffic is expected as a result of the sign when plans for the building and sign are submitted for board perusal.



Stephen Hawkins

Aug. 1: Arthur Fiedler has an escort of West Stockbridge firemen as he arrives to conduct his annual Boston Pops concert at Tanglewood.

Fiedler later in the year underwent brain surgery and was released from the hospital only this past week.

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John S. Egan

POINTING OUT features of new Burger King restaurant proposed for Housatonic Street in Lee is Richard Townsend, a Burger King site-development representative, at right. Looking on at left is Lee Building Inspector Edward M. Briggs. In center is Robert Donais of Burger King. The fast-food chain representatives spoke to the Lee Selectmen last night.

Burger King wants sign 60 feet high near pike

Board to seek replacement

Lee superintendent may retire

By John S. Egan

LEE — Maurice J. Boulanger, 63, superintendent of the Lee-Otis-Tyringham superintendency union for the past 12 years, said last night he is considering stepping down from the position in June 1981.

Boulanger said he hadn't made up his mind on the retirement yet. He said he would do so after a meeting with the state Retirement Board next month and make an announcement at the March meeting of the superintendency union. He acknowledged that he had asked the School Committee to begin putting together a superintendent's job description and guidelines for picking a replacement. "It looks like June of '81, but it's still tentative," he said.

School Committee Members John Dolan and William F. Tyer, members of a subcommittee charged with drawing up the job description, gave a brief report on the subcommittee's first attempts to come up with hiring guidelines.

Dolan said the subcommittee felt that the School Committee should interview candidates from outside and inside the system. "We decided a geographical search would be best," he said.

The subcommittee is recommending that all candidates have at least a total of 10 years experience in both teaching and administration, that candidates have at least "a master's plus," and that candidates have some experience in evaluation of educational programs and in finance.

The projected salary range should be



Maurice J. Boulanger
Has served 12 years

between \$32,000 and \$40,000, Dolan suggested. The contract for a new superintendent should also spell out an annual evaluation procedure for the position.

A tentative timetable calls for review of the suggested job description by the Lee, Otis and Tyringham School Committees between February and May 1 and approval of the job description by May 1.

Dolan said the subcommittee felt the superintendency union should advertise for candidates between May 1 and Oct. 1 and interview finalists between Oct. 1 and Dec. 1.

Dolan said the subcommittee would like a new superintendent "to be on board by April 1, 1981."

Boulanger was appointed superintendent in November 1967, and took over the position Jan. 1, 1968, replacing Paul J. Zdanowicz. A Dover, N.H., native, he graduated from Dover High School and later attended Kents Hill (Maine) School. He entered Cornell University, but after two months received his draft notice and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served 58 months overseas during World War II, advancing from the rank of private to a field commission.

After his discharge, Boulanger entered the University of New Hampshire, graduating with a bachelor's degree in history in 1949. He received his master's degree from UNH in 1955.

Boulanger taught at Epping (N.H.) Junior-Senior High School for two years, then served as principal for three years. He later served as principal at Henniker (N.H.) Junior-Senior High School, and principal of Groton senior high school. He became senior supervisor for secondary education in the Worcester regional office of the state Department of Education in 1966, stepping down from the position a year and six months later to take the helm of the Lee-Otis-Tyringham superintendency union.

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DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN Award recipient, Elizabeth L. Dennis of Lee, third from left, receives a corsage from Mrs. Vera Somes, lecturer of the Lee

Grange, second from left. At extreme left is Terry Somes and at right is Catherine Somes. The awards ceremony took place at the Senior Center in Lee.

John S. Egan

Lee Grange cites Miss Dennis

LEE — The Lee Grange last night awarded Librarian Elizabeth L. Dennis the organization's Distinguished Community Citizen Award.

Vera Somes, Grange lecturer, presented the award to Miss Dennis and pinned a corsage on her. Mrs. Somes explained that the award is given to a non-Grange member who has done out-

standing work in the community. About 20 local residents attended the ceremony. The crowd included members of the Lee Library staff and Miss Dennis' sisters.

Miss Dennis, a Lee native and 1935 Lee High School graduate, joined the library staff in 1935. She was named head librarian in 1942. She earned her certification as a professional librarian in 1943.

Under Miss Dennis' tenure, a children's

reading room, the children's story hour and puppet shows have become standard features of the library. When the new \$271,000 wing of the library opened in November 1978, the new children's room was dedicated to Miss Dennis.

Mrs. Somes also noted the librarian's active interests in Girl Scouts and St. George's Episcopal Church and her former membership in the Grange.

Barrington publisher resigns post

By Steve Moore

GREAT BARRINGTON — Saying he is not retiring but has no immediate plans, Warren B. Syer, 56, president of ABC Leisure Magazines, announced yesterday that he had submitted on Monday a resignation from his job, effective Jan. 13, 1980.

Syer, whose responsibilities included approximately 66 publications, including High Fidelity, Modern Photography, the Schwann Catalog and McCall's Needlework and Crafts, ends 27 years as an executive — first with Billboard Publications and then with ABC in 1974 when it took over High Fidelity.

"I am not leaving for another

job," Syer said last night, "and in many ways things are happy and well. But this job is suffocating, it has enormous responsibility. I travel 80,000 miles a year. It has been quite a long time. It is for myself that I do this."

Syer said he did not plan to leave the Berkshires. Asked what might occupy his time, he rattled off a dozen interests including tennis ("eight hours a day"), a greenhouse, reading music and 10 years worth of magazines he never had time to read.

More leisurely

Acknowledging his departure carried with it certain retirement benefits, even though he did not view the development as such, Syer said he planned to use the opportunity to travel the same routes around the world as he has been, but at a much more leisurely pace.

He said he has had other job offers, including one the day of his decision, but nothing has convinced him.

He added he had some writing ideas, both his own and those suggested to him, that he would consider.

"There are eight or nine things I am going to mull over during the next year," he said, "and take them at my own pace."

Asked about his background, Syer said he was originally from Boston and had never finished college.

"I'm about a sophomore," he said. "I'll just keep plugging along."

Syer moved to Great Barrington in 1953.



Warren B. Syer
Not retiring



John S. Egan

ENERGY CONSERVATION steps for the Lee school system are reviewed by Lee School Committee Member Joseph C. Savery, at left. At right is School Committee member Mary Ellen McDonald. The meeting was last night at Lee High School.

Lee school system moves to cut energy consumption

LEE — School Committee member Joseph C. Savery last night told School Committee members that steps are being taken throughout the school system to cut down on energy consumption.

Savery recommended that a letter be sent to administrators thanking all staff, including teachers and custodians, for participation in an energy survey of the Central School and Lee High School.

In a review of a report from administrators at the high school, Savery said that the hot water temperature had been reduced to 118 degrees and thermostats lowered to 65 degrees during the day and to 55 degrees

after 2 p.m. Water-saving shower heads have been installed in the boys' shower room and a program of turning out unnecessary lights has been instituted.

A project to weatherstrip all doors at the high school is still continuing, Savery said. Fan openings in the gym have been closed. All entrances and exits to the building except for the main entrance have been closed to cut down on heat loss. All curtains in the building are being closed at night.

At the Lee Central School, windows are being caulked. Conservation sign reminders have been positioned near every light

switch and students in Grades 5 through 8 are being made aware of energy conservation needs of schools and homes. Hot water temperature has been reduced from 134 degrees to 105 degrees and thermostats have been reduced to 65 degrees.

Recommendations from high school administrators for future energy-saving steps include suggestions to reduce or eliminate the number of night meetings at the school, the installation of storm windows and the elimination of thermostatic overrides in the classrooms. The administrators also recommended that no school dances be held in the months of December, January and February.

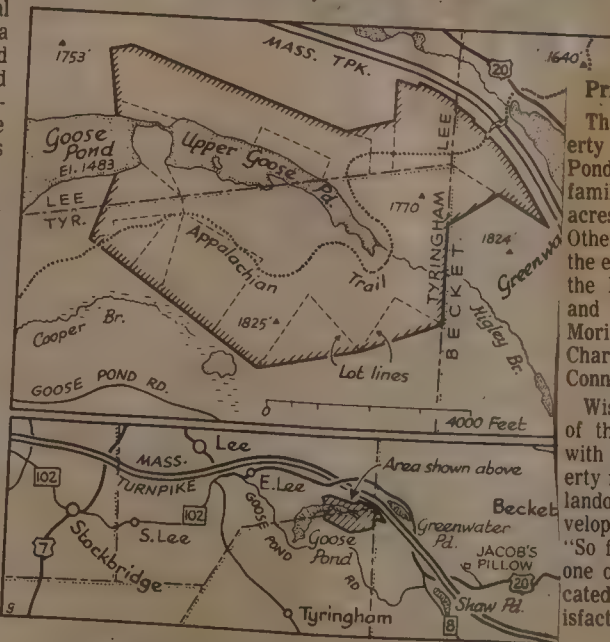
Upper Goose Pond area surveyed for acquisition by federal agency

TYRINGHAM — The National Park Service has completed a survey of land in the proposed 648-acre Upper Goose Pond Wildlife Area, George S. Wislocki, director of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, has announced.

Plans by the National Park Service to acquire property surrounding Upper Goose Pond were announced last January by Robert L. Herbst, assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior. The land is being acquired as part of the Appalachian Trail, which passes near Upper Goose Pond.

The Department of the Interior in August awarded Robert G. Brown and Associates of Pittsfield a \$16,695 contract to survey the tract.

Wislocki said that appraisals of property within the tract are now under way. Negotiations with landowners are expected to begin shortly. Wislocki said he hopes the negotiations will be completed and land acquired by June, 1980.



LOWER MAP shows general area of Goose Pond. Upper map shows, inside the heavy line, the area being surveyed around Upper Goose Pond.

Principal owner

The principal owner of property surrounding Upper Goose Pond is the William S. Stillwell family, which controls about 377 acres of land near the pond. Other property owners include the estate of Edward L. Murphy, the Mohheknuck Club, Ethel and David Sernaker, Richard Morin, Peck Lumber, Henry and Charlotte Smith and the state of Connecticut.

Wislocki said that while most of the land will be purchased with federal funds, some property may remain in the hands of landowners, protected from development by deed restrictions. "So far," Wislocki said, "every one of the landowners has indicated that some situation is satisfactory."

The tract is the "largest holding ever to be acquired as part of the Appalachian Trail in Massachusetts," Wislocki said.

"If the wilderness area is acquired, this will satisfy goals of the commonwealth, the towns of Tyringham and Lee and the Stillwell family," he said. "For many years, the Stillwell family has wanted the property to be protected as a wilderness area."

The Department of the Interior's proposal to buy property surrounding Upper Goose Pond is part of a state and federal program to protect the Appalachian Trail. Under the program, eventually the entire length of the trail, which runs from Georgia to Maine, will be under public ownership or easement.

Former shop-class buddies open Lee furniture firm

By John S. Egan

LEE — Two local craftsmen with a long history of collaborative ventures have opened a furniture-making operation called Country Woodcrafts on Fairview Street.

Mark Bartini and David Comalli, who first joined forces on woodworking projects in junior high school shop classes, have transformed an old barn in back of Bartini's parents' house into a production facility.

Country Woodcrafts actually began on a part-time basis about three years ago, with Bartini, then a Lee Lime employee, and Comalli, an electrician, making custom-order furniture in their spare time. Then the young entrepreneurs decided to quit their jobs and make Country Woodcrafts a full-time venture.

Extensive renovations

The business partners worked from May to September, renovating the old structure into a suitable work space. By raising the roof and expanding the north and east sides of the building, floor space was nearly doubled. The first floor was turned into a large central shop, and separate staining and varnish rooms. Upstairs was transformed to a showroom.

In their new production facilities, the pair turn out all kinds of custom-made pieces as well as a line of their own design furniture. Although the team will fashion furniture out of almost any kind of wood on a to-order basis, Bartini and Comalli's own line is almost entirely made of pine. The partners now sell the Country Woodcrafts line from their showroom. They are looking into the possibility of wholesaling some products to area furniture retailers.

Different from showrooms

Comalli is quick to point out there are enormous differences between the type of furniture seen in many showrooms and the type that is turned out on Fairview Street.

An example is the Colonial-style trestle table. Country Woodcrafts sells a solid pine model for \$175. Many tables you'll see elsewhere for that price would be made of particleboard and veneer, he points out.

"There's no way you'll find a table like this for that price any-

where else," he said.

Like craftsmen of old, Bartini and Comalli are proud of the products they turn out. They're confident that the value of their solid pine dining room tables, wood boxes, benches, bookcases and end tables will be in service long after the more flashy, particle-board-and-veneer models have disintegrated.

"A lot of the furniture turned out today is all cosmetic," Bartini said. "It's made to look good. But it doesn't hold up."

Although the partners occasionally disagree on minor points, they find they manage to come to a mutual agreement on

all business matters. They find a natural division of responsibilities has evolved. Comalli says that Bartini is "excellent on layout, good on the lathe," does "very meticulous work" and prefers to stay in the shop. Comalli "gets into the finishing room" and handles most selling and ordering.

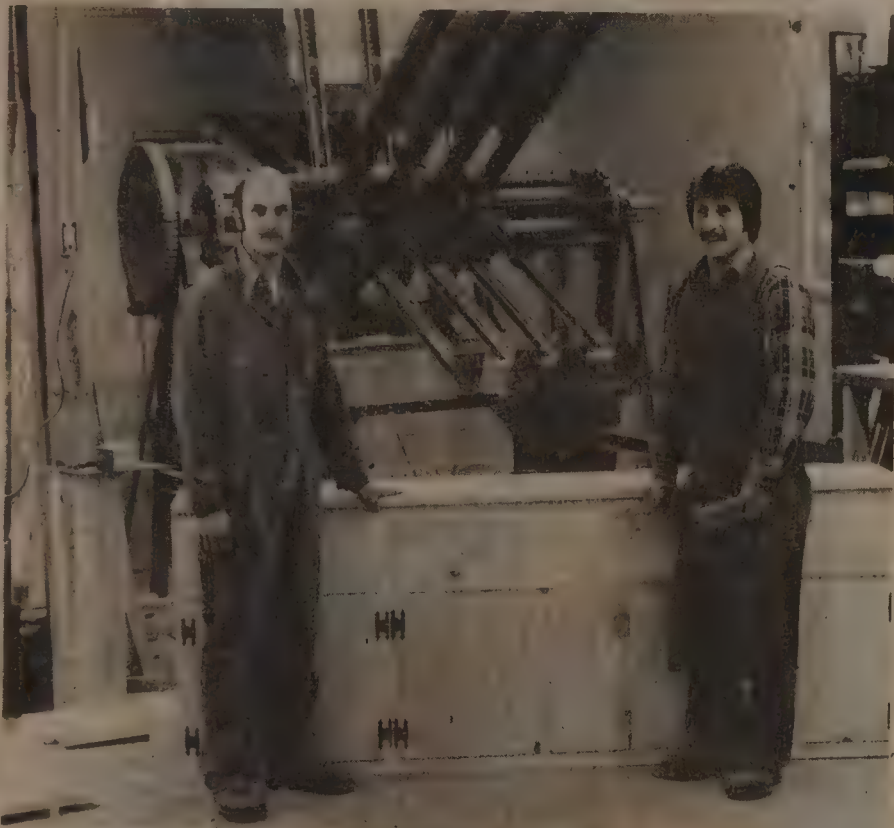
Credit parents

Both of the young businessmen credit their parents for much help in renovating the barn and getting the business off the ground. Another family member, Comalli's wife, Barbara, handles the books. And the

pair credit Paul Strattnner, former operator of the defunct Turner & Cook company in New Marlborough, for giving them practical advice on production and introductions to wholesalers and dealers. "We wouldn't be where we are today without him," said Bartini.

The partners are optimistic they'll be able to create a market for their hand-crafted furniture.

"We both had comfortable livings before we started this, but we thought there might be more to life," said Comalli. "You can do anything — all you really have to do is apply yourself."



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CRAFTSMEN David Comalli, left, and Mark Bartini stand next to a pine cabinet being made at the partners' Country Woodcrafts facility on Fairview Street in Lee. In back is a gluing rack. Country Woodcrafts turns out a line of Colonial-style pine furniture as well as all styles of custom-order pieces.



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RECOMMENDATIONS made by persons interested in increased youth activities at a meeting at the Lee Library last night are reviewed by Linda Silbor of Greylock Street, second from left. Listening on either side are her husband William J. Silbor Jr. and Mildred M. Dulin of Navin Avenue.

Lee youth center proponents to survey possible sites

By John S. Egan

LEE — Proponents of increased activities for youth agreed at a meeting at the Lee Library last night to investigate all existing facilities in Lee for a possible youth center.

The group, meeting for the third time last night, has been discussing whether to push for town funding for a youth activities coordinator or for a community center or both. The meeting attendants came to no clear consensus. They did take a few organizational steps forward, by electing Mildred M. Dulin of Navin Avenue as chairman and dividing up responsibilities on informing the public of the next meeting. About 25 persons attended.

Department of Public Works Superintendent J. Peter Scolforo advised the group that it will have to develop a very specific plan in order to convince the town's 54 district representatives, who vote at annual town meetings. He said the group has about two months to work out details.

you've got two months to come up with the amount of money you want," he said.

Scolforo said "you might throw in some money for rental of a building," but that town meeting representatives would probably be "very leery of buying a building."

DPW garage

He mentioned that a portion of the steel DPW garage might possibly be converted to an activities center but that installation of insulation, heating and toilets would cost at least \$25,000. He said the group would be better off first hiring an activities coordinator, who could run programs in existing buildings for a year, and later trying to find a permanent facility.

Mrs. Dulin said she thought Nejaime's Center on Housatonic Street "would make an ideal site." "Why couldn't we lease that?" she asked. The building, located adjacent to Lee Athletic Field, has been for sale for some

time. Lee Savings Bank recently announced its intention to foreclose on a \$130,000 loan on the property.

Gordon D. Roosa of West Park Street suggested investigating the possible lease of the First United Methodist Church building on High Street. The church has made inquiries as to whether the town might be interested in purchasing the building and parsonage, which are next to the Central School. The School Committee has asked the Selectmen to place an article on the proposed purchase on the annual town meeting warrant.

Contact residents

While several persons complained that few town officials had attended the meeting, Charles V. O'Neil of East Street exhorted the group to make more of an effort to develop a proposal and then to contact residents.

"You need support from officials," he said, "but you can't sit back. That's what this town does. When you're talking money, you've got to have organization down here."

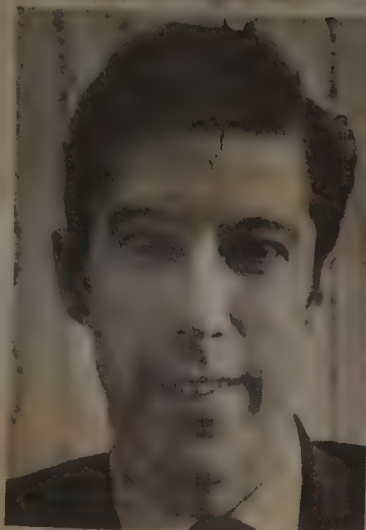
The group agreed to meet again next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the same location.

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Dohoney: Youngest appointee

Superior Court Justice Francis J. Quirico of Pittsfield, now an associate justice for the Supreme Judicial Court.

Dohoney's initiation into the world of small town municipal affairs came with his appointment as an assistant to James T. Hannon, a veteran Lee attorney and District Court judge who was town counsel for 15 years until his death in 1971. Dohoney gained experience in problems facing town officials through research and preparation of answers for Hannon. When Hannon, who was also counsel for Otis and Tyringham, died, those two towns gave Dohoney the job of counsel and Lee followed suit three years later. He has also served stints as town counsel for Sandisfield and West Stockbridge.

The work for the towns has been fascinating, if time consuming, he said. Local governments, made up of part-time officials, have had more and more occasion to call on advice of legal counsel in the increasingly complex matters that face municipalities. The municipal case-load has burgeoned during the past decade.

"The towns are doing more and more things," he said. "And there is the increased interplay of the federal government in municipal affairs and the fact that there is more and more state regu-

lation of local governments."

As towns adopted zoning bylaws and subdivision control regulations during the 1970s, town boards also began to face increasingly complicated zoning and land-use questions, he said. Telephone calls for advice from the town counsel naturally increased. Gov. King's tax-cap prompted further conferences.

"The tax cap," he said, with a sigh, as though even the memory of the legislation made him tired. "There were untold hours spent trying to figure out what it was."

Yet despite the demands, the town counsel's job has its virtues. One has been the pleasure of working with small town officials. "Town officials are always interesting clients because they always want to do what's right," he said.

Another advantage of the job is that it thrusts the attorney into the public eye. The exposure certainly can do no harm to one who is just establishing a practice, as long as he makes no mistakes. Dohoney said the public rarely finds out if an attorney miscalculates in the handling of a client's case. The issuance of legal opinions for a town are something else. "Every time you give advice on municipal question, you check twice to make sure you are right," he said.

A partner in the Lee-based law firm of Hannon, Lerner, Dohoney, Cowhig & Scully, Dohoney is looking forward to donning judicial robes. The date of the formal swearing in has not yet been set. He acknowledges that he probably will be assigned to sit in courts in Hampshire and Hampden counties for a time. "We're in the business of exporting judges in Berkshire County and the new kids get exported," he smiled.

There's little likelihood that the attorney will have any more time or inclination for hobbies as a judge than he has had on the other side of the bar. He prefers to spend what free time he has with his wife, the former Mary J. Collins, and their three children. He admits that it's hard to predict at this point whether his eldest son, James, will follow the well-marked family path into the courts.

"Jimmy's only eight," he said. "So we really haven't gotten that far yet."

Berkshire County's newest judge really didn't expect a quick decision when he traveled to Boston Wednesday for an interview with the state Governor's Council on the nomination.

But the vote to confirm James P. Dohoney of Great Barrington as associate justice of the Southern Berkshire District Court came right on the heels of testimonials on the attorney's behalf by a state representative, the sheriff of Berkshire County and a partner in his law firm.

At 37, Dohoney is said to be the youngest man ever appointed to a district court judgeship in Berkshire County.

That the Governor's Council's decision was so swift should have come as no surprise to fellow barristers or the many local officials who have become acquainted with Dohoney through his work as legal counsel for the towns of Lee, Otis, Sandisfield and Tyringham.

"He's one in a million," declared Lee Selectmen Chairman Lena D. Bettega.

"I'm delighted he got the job but I think he'll be sorely missed. He certainly has had the interests of the town at heart in his performance as town counsel."

"It's the county's gain and the town's loss," she said.

In many ways, the Governor's Council's choice of the Great Barrington native for the \$42,500-a-year position was a natural.

The son of the late James R. Dohoney, a former Great Barrington District Court clerk, Dohoney grew up around the courts. He says it never occurred to him to do anything other than enter the legal profession.

"I'm one of those predestined kids who decides to be a lawyer," he said with a laugh when asked whether he ever thought of becoming an engineer or astronaut while a student at the former Searles High School.

After graduation from Holy Cross College in Worcester in 1963, Dohoney attended Boston College Law School, where he was a member of the law review. After graduating from law school in 1966, he was clerk to then chief justice of the state Superior Court G. Joseph Tauro for a year and, in the following year, clerk to



John S. Egan

LEE LIBRARIAN Elizabeth Dennis holds Tri-Town Rotary Club's distinguished community service award, which was presented to her yesterday. Others, left to right, are Tri-Town Rotary President Edward J. Cristiano, Rotarian Martin I. Kagan and Florence S. Consolati.

Rotarians honor librarian

LEE — Seventy one persons turned out yesterday at the East Lee Steak House, where Lee Librarian Elizabeth Dennis received the Tri-Town Rotary Club's award for distinguished community service.

Florence A. Consolati, author of the town's bicentennial book, "See All the People," and a close personal friend of Miss Dennis, presented the award.

Rotary guests included Lee Selectmen Lena D. Bettega and William M. Murphy and Lenox Selectman and County Commissioner John J. Pignatelli.

Tri-Town Rotary President Edward J. Cristiano conveyed messages from officials who were unable to attend the luncheon.

Robert G. Newman, head librarian at the Berkshire Athenaeum, stated in a letter that "Betty is one of the outstanding librarians in Massachusetts and her fine work is known outside the community."

Miss Dennis has been associated with the Lee Library since 1935 and has been librarian for the past 37 years. Last November, she was honored by the town by the dedication to her of the children's room in the new library addition.

Mrs. Consolati spoke of Miss Dennis' efforts to increase circulation each year, and the crea-

tion of a children's room in the basement of the old library, the children's story hour and sponsorship of puppet shows.

"Her main interest has been for the good of the children," Mrs. Consolati said. "The kids love it (the library). They come to it as though it were home, and there aren't many places you can say that about these days — where children are completely welcome and want to go."

Miss Dennis also "got into community affairs with all her heart," taking an active role over the years in St. George's Episcopal Church and the Girl Scouts, Mrs. Consolati said.

Miss Dennis responded to Mrs. Consolati's remarks by praising members of her library staff for their hard work. She credited members of the Library Association and town officials, particularly Department of Public Works Superintendent J. Peter Scollaro, for playing crucial parts in the town's acquisition of the new \$271,000 grant-funded library wing.

"We wouldn't have this addition if Pete hadn't seen the EDA (Economic Development Administration) grant and gone after it and gotten it for the town," she said.

Cristiano said the Rotary award was given "in recognition of a lifetime of service above self."

Tacy seeks action in Lee on access for handicapped

By John S. Egan

LEE — The father of a young Lee resident who has been confined to a wheelchair since an accident last spring pressed the Selectmen last night for action on making public meetings more accessible to the handicapped.

Charles Tacy of Fairview Street, father of Richard Tacy, a 1979 Lee High School graduate who was paralyzed in a diving accident in Naples, Fla., last spring, complained that the Selectmen have taken little apparent action on requests that town boards either hold meetings in barrier-free locations or that the town renovate 19th century Memorial Hall to make it accessible to the handicapped.

Son unable to attend

Tacy presented a formal request from his son that the Selectmen place an article on the annual town meeting warrant to appropriate funds to renovate Memorial Hall. He said he was submitting the request to the board since his son "couldn't make it" up the two flights of stairs that lead to the Selectmen's second-floor meeting room.

He reminded the board that Arthur J. Snide Jr. of Tabar Avenue last March asked the Selectmen to change the town's practice of holding public meetings in Memorial Hall because the 105-year-old structure is inaccessible to the handicapped. Snide's wife, Madeline, is a quadriplegic.

"Nothing's being done," said Tacy. "It's a civil rights thing. Women, races, creeds and the handicapped are all covered under the same civil rights law."

Selectmen Chairman Lena D. Bettega told Tacy that "we're trying." She said that she had

met a number of times with Town Counsel James P. Do-honey and Department of Public Works Superintendent J. Peter Scelforo to discuss possible avenues the town could pursue to make Memorial Hall more accessible.

Committee set up

"Don't say I'm not doing anything," she said. "Give us a chance. We will put an article on the warrant. We've talked to Do-honey. I've set up a committee. I'd like to do something now, but I'm not a miracle worker."

The committee is charged with studying the barrier laws and existing public buildings and making recommendations on possible changes to the Selectmen. Mrs. Bettega said the committee includes young Tacy, Snide, Frank P. Consolati of Fairview Street and Francis D. Foley Jr. of Pease Terrace.

Selectman William M. Murphy said the Selectmen couldn't simply move their own meetings to satisfy the requirements of the law on accessibility to public buildings. All other boards — the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Department of Public Works and Finance Committee — that meet in Memorial Hall would also have to be relocated. In addition, all municipal offices, including those of the town clerk, tax collector and police, would have to move, he said. Such a relocation would

take much planning, he said. The alternative, making Memorial Hall more accessible through the installation of an elevator, would probably cost at least \$60,000, Mrs. Bettega said.

Civil rights issue

"I'm not talking dollars and cents," said Tacy. "I'm talking civil rights. This is the law. How it's done is up to the town."

Selectman John E. DeVarennes, however, argued that the town is taking steps to try and find a possible remedy to the situation. He said that most town halls in Berkshire County are 19th century structures that are at least partially inaccessible to the handicapped, and questioned whether the Massachusetts Statehouse is completely accessible to persons in wheelchairs.

"I don't think we can just clean out Town Hall," he said. "The decision isn't ours to make. That's why we are putting a study committee together to make a report to the town fathers. Beyond that, the barrier laws are being reviewed by Do-honey."

DeVarennes said that renovation of Memorial Hall would be a major expenditure that would have to be approved by voters. He estimated that construction of an elevator would cost at least \$60,000 and that removal of barriers in the restrooms would cost another \$40,000.

Lee merchants ask change in sign law

By John S. Egan

Town Counsel James P. Do-honey.

LEE — Members of the Chamber of Commerce have submitted to the Selectmen a proposal that would give merchants more leeway in seeking permits to erect signs.

The proposal, which was submitted as a draft warrant article for inclusion on the warrant of the annual town meeting in May, would change the town's protective bylaw by granting the Selectmen authority to review requests for sign variances that have been turned down by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

The proposed bylaw change apparently grew out of local reaction to the Board of Appeals' veto of Burger King's request for permission to erect a 144-square-foot sign atop a pylon 85 feet in height at the site of a proposed restaurant. Board of Appeals Chairman John L. Piacquadio said that Burger King had essentially failed to prove there was sufficient hardship at the site to warrant easing the bylaw restrictions.

Pylon limited

The protective bylaw limits a business in the commercial district to one freestanding sign 16 square feet in size atop a pylon no taller than 25 feet in height.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has traditionally been the final arbiter in local zoning cases.

The Selectmen took no vote on whether to include the proposed article in the annual town meeting warrant, despite the fact that the petition contained signatures of 10 residents. Normally warrant proposals that are accompanied by 10 signatures are automatically put on the warrant.

Selectmen Chairman Lena D. Bettega said she wanted the item to be first reviewed by

"The merchants want you to have a chance to review sign requests," explained Building Inspector Edward J. Briggs, who attended a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting where the proposal was discussed.

Selectman John E. DeVarennes questioned whether such a provision could be effective.

"What you're saying is that it does away with the ZBA," he said. "If I were on the ZBA and were overridden by the Selectmen once, I don't think I'd be interested in being on the ZBA any longer."

Backed by Murphy

Selectman William M. Murphy, however, indicated some support for the proposal. Murphy was the only Selectman to issue a public statement differing with the Zoning Board of Appeals in its decision on the Burger King sign. Murphy said he thought the ZBA should have issued a variance for the sign because the proposed restaurant would have provided jobs for young people and boosted tax revenues.

"I don't think the Selectmen would go over the heads of the ZBA (if the proposed change were put into effect), unless it was justified," Murphy said.

The petition asks that a section be added at the very end of section V-F of the protective bylaw giving the Selectmen authority to "issue a special permit for any sign in business, multiple dwelling, business, rural business or industrial districts."

Chamber of Commerce members who signed the petition included Daniel and Marilyn Sullivan of Stockbridge Road and Richard Hommes of Pleasant Street.

Is Lee's Main Street shrinking?

Parking is a problem, and hopes continue for federal funds

By John S. Egan

LEE — What ails Main Street?

In the last year, a top-quality children's clothing store closed, a well-established restaurant shut for the winter season for the first time ever, and the town's newspaper and magazine store cut back on its variety of stock and reduced its floor space.

Main Street sidewalks are devoid of shoppers on once-busy Friday nights and many of the shops themselves are dark. And even on Saturday afternoon, a shopper looking to buy such a common item as an automobile headlight won't find it because stores that sell automotive parts are closed. The town's former movie palace continues its wait for a new tenant and a closed shop on Main Street has had a sign in the window for more than a

year that says, "Opening Soon."

Is the street dying a slow economic death? Or is the town simply going through a normal phase in the business cycle, in which old operations give way to new ones?

It all depends on who you ask, a survey of Main Street merchants, shoppers and town officials reveals. Everyone agrees however that things could be better.

"It's certain that the street needs some changes, but it's hard to put your finger on what the changes should be," says Mark Wheeler. One of the street's youngest businessmen, Wheeler is proprietor of Wheeler's Pharmacy, one of two drug stores located on the street.

Like other merchants interviewed, Wheeler said that a decrease in the diversity of stores on the street has hurt the

shopping atmosphere on Main Street. Diversity, according to the merchants, is the key to an attractive shopping area. It's what makes enclosed malls so alluring to shoppers. With one stop of the family car, the shopper is able to take care of four or five errands.

To the casual observer, the two central blocks of Main Street seem to exhibit an abundance of diversity — the two drug stores, a newsstand, two men's and general clothing stores, two hardware stores, a Goodwill shop, a second-hand clothing store, three women's clothing shops, an auto-parts store, a television and electronics shop, a florist, a gift shop, two restaurants and a five-and-dime. Situated just off the central blocks are a Price Chopper grocery, another auto-parts store, a dry cleaner and the local post of-

fice. A block or so in the other direction is a shopping center that contains an Adams Super Market, coin-op laundry, barber shop and many small shops.

But some residents will tell you there was even more variety not too long ago.

"I think the town is going backwards," said one woman shopper. "There's no shoe repair shop. There's no jewelry store. There used to be two of them and now we have nothing."

"We used to have everything right here," she continued. "We had so many things. There were two beauty parlors right on Main Street. Now we don't even have a moderately priced restaurant on the street." Rossi's, once one of the bus-

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iest eateries in South Berkshire, now has a sign on the door that says it's closed until spring.

Unfortunately, the opening of new businesses in shops that have been vacated by other merchants becomes tougher all the time, particularly in an era of high interest rates, Wheeler said. The difficulty is that starting a store requires a lot of capital right off the bat. Some new stores never manage to build up a sufficient inventory of stock to attract and hold patrons, and so go out of business not long after opening.

Other businesses seem to do poorly when the owner spends time elsewhere, Wheeler observed. "There's no question that good solid businesses are ones where the guys are in the store," he said. Wheeler works 6½ days a week, keeping the store open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and a half day on Sundays.

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The automobile has been a major factor in the erosion of Main Street as the pre-eminent shopping area for Lee residents, according to most persons surveyed. The merchants themselves said they tried to do almost all of their shopping locally but they are aware that residents often shop elsewhere.

"It's unusual, Lee has a big payroll, but I don't think the money is being spent here," Wheeler said.

The construction of the Center at Lenox shopping plaza on Route 7 in Lenox, plus the K-Mart complex on Route 7 in Great Barrington has had an impact on local businesses, merchants said. The eight-year-old Lenox plaza, situated about six miles from downtown Lee, contains a supermarket, a King's Department Store, pharmacy, pet store and Radio Shack, along with a Friendly's and a branch of the Lenox National Bank.

Karl A. Hekler, director of the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission, said he had "also heard that the King's shopping center in Lenox has drawn people from Lee."

Hekler noted that Lee has traditionally served as a shopping area not only for its residents, but also for residents of Tyringham, Otis and Becket, and other towns that are too far from Pittsfield for simple errands.

"From a regional planning point of view, we would classify Lee as a sub-regional shopping center," he said. "The residents of these other towns would go there for their convenience shopping, their recurring needs. Probably for large purchases, or when they want to see a lot of variety, they would go to Pittsfield."

Hekler speculated that the large variety store in the Lenox shopping center may have siphoned off some of the "convenience shopping" formerly done in Lee.

The Great Barrington shopping plazas have probably also taken a share.

Many persons mentioned parking as one of the major drawbacks of the downtown Lee shopping area. Although there are parking spaces in front of the stores, the spaces are often filled.

Wheeler said that "parking is a big problem. People like to park and go right into a store. But I've seen cars sit there four or five hours. Some of the merchants will leave their cars in front, which is stupid."

Part of the town's application for a \$1 million Department of Housing and Urban Development block grant contained a request for funds to help transform a maze of private parking lots to the west of Main Street into one large area. The grant request was turned down.

All is certainly not gloom and despair on the street, however. A new restaurant — The Victoria — opened on nearby Park Street last summer. Gatsby's clothing store opened up a Main Street shop. And a local institution — The Morgan House — reopened under new management Dec. 31 after being closed for part of the fall.

The more optimistic merchants said they think the economy of downtown Lee will rebound when the U.S. economy bounces back. Francis X. Downing, owner of McClelland's Pharmacy, said that "in fact, I would think the economy in Lee would be pretty healthy." He cited the fact that employment has held steady throughout the past year at the major paper mills — those operated by the Schweitzer Division of the Kimberly-Clark Corp. and at the Specialty Paper Division of the Mead Corp.

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Other merchants frequently point to McClelland Pharmacy as example for the entire street. The drug store, a 19th-century structure, is situated between the Morgan House, which was built in the early 1800s, and a branch office of Lee National Bank, erected in 1835. Downing purchased the building in 1972 and gave it a major facelift in 1974.

"There's someone who spent money on his property, and did a lot of good for the town and for himself," commented James L. Burns Jr., chairman of the Planning Board.

Since its renovation, the drug store seems to have become a hub of activity. In contrast to some other storefronts, its clean-looking facade is inviting to the eye. Open seven days a week, with a fountain that features 15-cent coffee, the drug store is a favored waiting place for bus travelers, school children, town employees on a break and other passers-by.

The drug store's owner is optimistic that the fortunes of Main Street will improve if the merchants work together. "I think if we had gotten the grant, it would have been a great shot in the arm for downtown," Downing said. "If the mer-

chants would get behind it a second time, we should go after the grant again."

A newcomer to Main Street, Michael Zabian, owner of Zabian's LTD Men's Apparel, says that if business has been slow, it's been slow all over. "It's not just here," he said. "The big malls, they're hurting, too. The fuel increase is the cause of problems. People are paying double for fuel today what they did last year."

"It's up to the economy," he said. "If it improves, we improve with it. If it goes down, then we go down, too."

Like Zabian, H.A. Johannson, who has operated Johannson's 5 & 10 Cent Store on Main Street for three decades, is confident that the Main Street economy will rebound. "It goes in cycles," he said. "We're on the low end of the cycle now, but I think we're improving."

But real problems, like lack of parking and under-utilized space in buildings, remain. Another problem might be that the types of stores that do exist perhaps "aren't what people are looking for," Richard E. Sitzler, president of Lee Savings Bank, observed.

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According to Burns, chairman of the Planning Board and a Realtor, the downtown area's biggest problem is that it suffers from a shortage of creative thinking. He pointed to West Stockbridge as an example of a town that has been imaginatively transformed, largely through the force of entrepreneur Gordon Rose.

"Location-wise our town is ideal," he said. "What I see as the deterrent that keeps the town from becoming what it could become is that the ideas aren't there. The impetus from the individual owners isn't there."

Burns said he thought that a truck bypass of the downtown would make the area more attractive as a shopping area. Also, he said, "if the banks could be a little more innovative in loaning on a residential basis, they could do more for the town commercially."

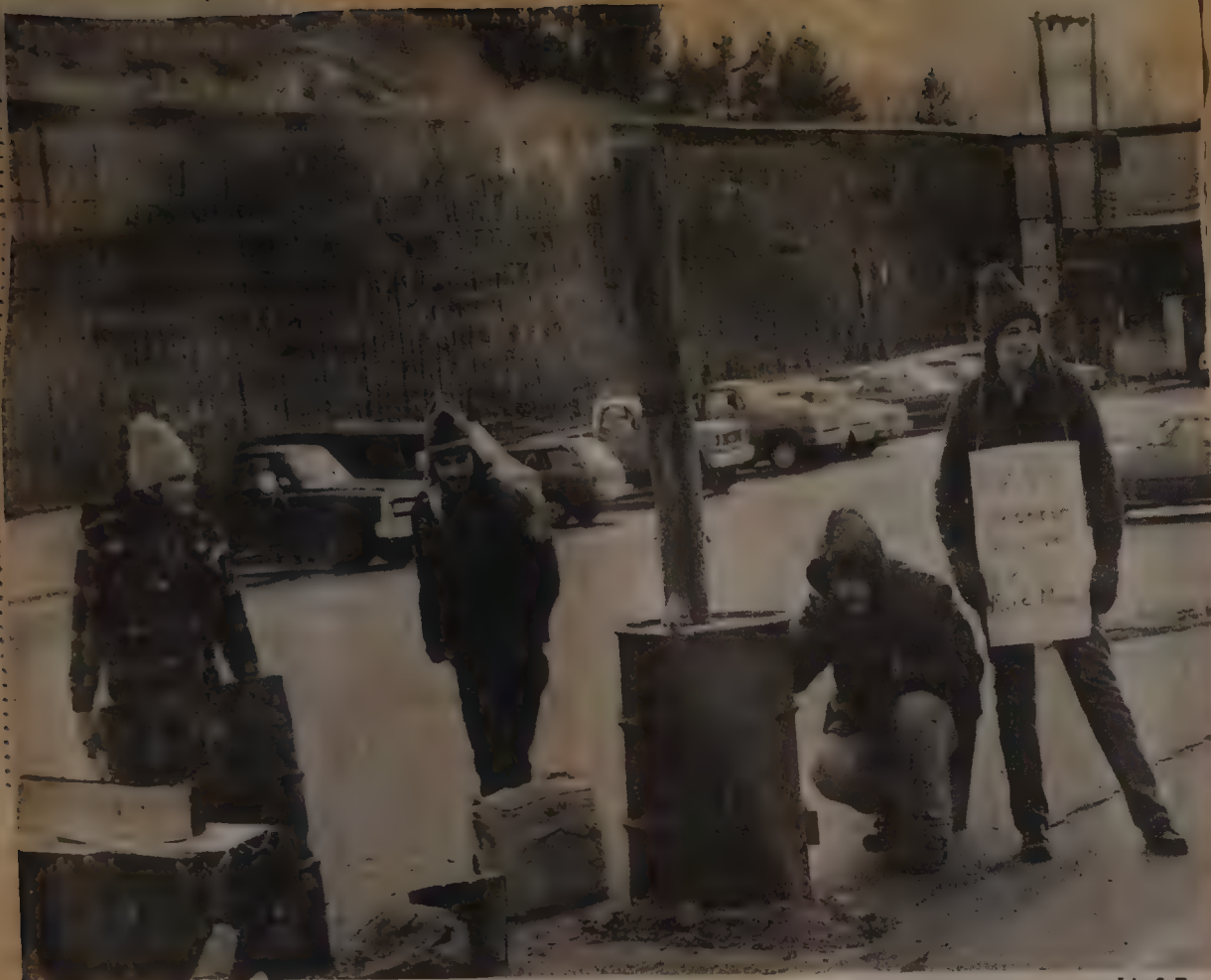
Burns also said he thought that town officials, by cutting governmental costs, could reduce the tax rate and make the town more attractive to outsiders.

"I've always wondered how we can have such a healthy industrial tax base in this town and be strapped with a tax rate that is not far from the tax rate in towns that have no industrial base," he said.

If town officials, Chamber of Commerce representatives and the merchants have a tough time agreeing on the formula to fix whatever it is that ails downtown Lee, the lady shopper is willing to offer her cure-all prescription.

"One real nice gift shop, a bakery right on the street, a moderately priced restaurant and a jewelry store will make it a Main Street," she said. "To make it the way it used to be. Until we get those things, we haven't got anything."

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MAKESHIFT STOVE is set up at entrance of Clark-Aiken Co. parking lot in Lee, where Local 234,

United Electrical Worker pickets are in 12th day of their strike.

No end in sight for Lee strike

LEE — A spokesman for the Clark-Aiken Co. yesterday said that there has been no recent progress in negotiations between the company and the striking United Electrical Workers (UE) Local 234.

The strike by the 134-member union entered its 12th day today. There have been no new negotiating sessions since a meeting early last week.

"We're still involved in the collective bargaining process," said Bruce F. Dobson, Clark-Aiken sales manager. Dobson

said that the two sides might get back together for more talks "perhaps in the next week or two."

Asked whether it is management or the union that is expected to make the next move on a contract offer, he said "we feel the ball is in their court."

Dobson said that management has been coming to work every day since the strike began and have been allowed through the picket line without incident.

"We're pulling for an early settlement

so we can all get back to work," said Dobson.

The strike began when the company and the union failed to hammer out a new contract agreement before the old contract expired at 12:01 a.m. March 1. The issues of length of contract and cost-of-living adjustment reportedly separate the two sides.

Union members have continued to maintain 24-hour-a-day picket lines in front of the plant since the start of the strike.

Lee citizens weigh offered '80 budget

LEE — Discussion of methods to bypass the limits of proposed 4 percent tax-cap legislation occupied much of a 2½-hour "baby town meeting" last night.

Although 44 persons turned out at the Lee High School cafeteria for the meeting, only 14 of those persons were district representatives. The town, which is divided into six districts, has a total of 54 district representatives.

The Selectmen guided meeting attendants through an item-by-item review of the proposed gross budget of \$4,262,896. That budget is \$290,265, or 7.3 percent, higher than the \$3,972,631 in appropriations and transfers approved last year.

The annual town meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Central School.

\$12,900 disapproved

The Finance Committee gave its approval to all but \$12,900 of the proposed budget, according to Finance Committee Chairman Steven S. Iacuesa. Articles disapproved by the Finance Committee include requests for \$10,000 to complete the first phase of a plan to overhaul the town's communication system, \$1,500 for maintenance of the East Lee School and \$1,400 for draperies for the South Lee Fire Station.

The remainder of budget requests were considered on their merits, Iacuesa said, not with an eye to the possible limit of a 4 percent increase from tax-cap legislation.

Moderator Henry M. Donahoe reviewed tax-cap legislation and possible ways for the annual

town meeting to override a limit of 4 percent on budget increases. The information came out of a meeting with Rep. Dennis J. Duffin, D-Lenox, at the Town Hall on Monday.

Donahoe, who is stepping down from the moderator's post after the coming town meeting, said he would ask for either unanimous approval or two-thirds passage on each of the warrant articles.

Letters requested

"We're going to have to act on the assumption that there's going to be a tax-cap bill and it will be a 4 percent tax cap," he said.

The moderator said he would ask for letters from the School Committee and from the Department of Public Works requesting the overrides of the 4 percent tax cap.

Donahoe said he would also ask for a two-thirds vote approving the budget at the end of the meeting if the total budget exceeds the 4 percent tax cap.

The proposed tax-cap legislation provides one interesting exception to the law of fiscal autonomy that protects School Department budgets from being cut.

"You have a limited right to cut the school budget," Donahoe said. "To the extent that the budget exceeds 104 percent, you have the right to reduce it."

School budget

The tax-cap legislation, however, does not allow voters to effectively reduce the school budget below 104 percent, he said. "If you reduce it below 104 percent, the School Committee has the right to go to court and get the difference, to bring it back up to 104 percent," he said.

The \$2,538,328 School Department gross budget is \$130,027, or 5.39 percent, higher than last year's \$2,341,173 budget.

The Department of Public Works' \$478,167 budget is \$83,010 higher, or 21 percent higher, than last year's budget. For the purposes of calculating the increase under tax-cap guidelines, however, the increase may be reduced by \$46,480 — the amount budgeted for maturing debt principal and interest payments for the Water Department.

Special articles on the warrant total \$294,291, which is \$54,393 less than the total of special articles on last year's ballot.

The various town departments' budgets total \$952,110, which is \$64,493, or 7.2 percent, more than last year.

The budgets include across-the-board raises of \$12 a week for most full-time town employees, Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy said.

"The overall salary increases, as far as we were concerned, were not out of line," said Iacuesa. "The issue is not the validity of the salary increases. None of the Finance Committee recommendations would change in light of a tax-cap law."



John S. Egan
Henry M. Donahoe
Clarifies tax cap

Lee Town Hall exempt from public access law

LEE — Town Counsel James P. Dohoney has advised the Selectmen that the town does not have to renovate the 105-year-old Memorial Hall to make it accessible to the handicapped.

Dohoney based his opinion upon a recent letter from the state Architectural Barriers Board.

Referring to the Feb. 12 letter from Deborah A. Ryan, administrative assistant of the state Architectural Barriers Board, Dohoney said that "This would appear to me to mean that it is not necessary for us to make any renovations or otherwise make the Town Hall accessible to the handicapped."

At least two Lee residents in the last year had made requests that the town either renovate the 19th century Memorial Hall to make it accessible to persons in wheelchairs or hold meetings in barrier-free locations. Renovation of Memorial Hall was viewed by Selectmen as a major capital expenditure, with construction of an elevator costing an estimated \$60,000 and removal of barriers in restrooms another \$40,000.

The state law on accessibility to public buildings for the handicapped requires all newly constructed public buildings to be barrier free. It also contains a grandfather clause that exempts older buildings from the accessibility requirement, as long as renovation work on the building falls beneath a certain percentage of the total value of the structure.

Dohoney in his letter to the Architectural Barriers Board had asked whether the recent installation of a new heating system in the Town Hall was considered as "reconstruction." Ms. Ryan wrote in reply that "The board does not consider the conversion of a heating system as construction, reconstruction, alteration or remodeling, as this is not a structural change."

She also said that the board uses "the replacement cost" of a public building in coming up with a determination whether the structure has to be brought in line with the architectural barrier law.

"The response means that if in the future we spend some money on the Town Hall, the proper basis to consider in determining whether the work is sufficient to require us to make the building accessible to the handicapped should be the replacement cost of the building," Dohoney said in his letter. "This is obviously a high figure, so it would appear to mean that substantial renovations could be undertaken without bringing us within the regulations of the Architectural Barriers Board."

Dohoney could not be reached last night for comment on the percentages used to determine whether a building must be made barrier free.

Memorial Hall, with town offices on an elevated first floor and public meetings on the second floor, has been the target of complaints in the last year from Charles Tacy of Fairview Street, whose son Richard Tacy has been paralyzed since a diving accident last spring, and Arthur J. Snide Jr. of Tabar Avenue, whose wife, Madeline, is a quadriplegic.

Tacy had asked that the town either move public meetings or renovate Memorial Hall.

A study committee established by the Selectmen had recommended that voters appropriate funds at the annual town meeting to study the accessibility problems of the building and of Main Street.

Lee group seeking youth program advised to start with coordinator

By John S. Egan

LEE — District representatives Paul Collins and Francis D. Foley advised a concerned citizens' group last night that it ought to try to obtain town backing for a coordinator of youth activities before seeking to establish a community center.

About 25 persons — most of them high school students — turned out for the meeting.

It was the second one held in the last month by the group, which is interested in the promotion of more activities for youth, and possibly, in the establishment of a youth or community center. Mildred Dulin of Navin Avenue chaired the meeting.

A third meeting will be held next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Lee Library.

Collins, who is chief probation officer for the District Court of Southern Berkshire as well as a District 4 town meeting representative, told the group he felt it could best obtain community support by starting with the hiring of an activities coordinator.

"I think it would be sold to the reps more easily to hire someone to coordinate youth activities," he said. "I think the voters would be very hesitant to purchase a building, particularly with heat being what it is. I think you could sell it that way. Otherwise it's going to die."

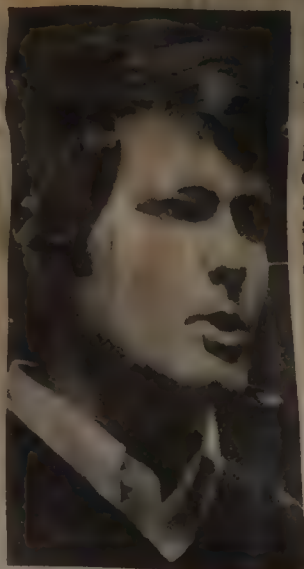
Younger persons disagree

Many of the younger persons at the meeting indicated they felt a facility is needed before youth programs can be developed.

"If we had one building where you could encompass a lot of activities, we'd get a lot more kids to come," said Arlene Lockenwitz, a Lee High School student and member of the Key Club. Many of the other students at the meeting were also Key Club members.

Ann Deely, Key Club president, said the young people at the meeting weren't even looking for a facility for themselves.

"It isn't going to be us using the facility," she said. "It will be the 7th and 8th graders." High school juniors and seniors,



John S. Egan
Paul R. Collins
'Sell it that way'

who often have driver's licenses, have more mobility than younger students, she said. The junior high students and underclassmen would be the ones to benefit most from a youth center.

Catherine Davis, the Lenox Community Center first-ever full-time director, reviewed the programs offered in Lenox. She said that the situation in Lenox differed from Lee because Lenox was offered a facility for \$1 from the defunct Brotherhood Club.

Dalton program

One woman, a former Dalton resident, said she would like to see a youth center modeled on the Dalton Community Center, with programs offered to very young children.

"The programs should start with young kids," she said. "You can't take a building, throw it at high school age kids and say 'Take care of it.' You've got to start at a youthful age. Start with the eight-year-olds. I think you could pull it off without spending a lot. I haven't lived here long, but I'm very discouraged about what there is for children in this town."

Miss Lockenwitz complained that it has been very difficult for youths interested in starting pro-

grams to get the backing of town officials. "The toughest thing to do is to get town officials to believe in what you're trying to do," she said.

While Francis D. Biasin of Navin Heights said that the securing of a facility should be a first priority, Collins again counseled the group it should first try to get funding to hire a full-time coordinator, and then, after a year of activities, consider a facility. The coordinator in the meantime could schedule activities in existing municipal and private facilities, he said. He pointed to the Council on Aging as an example of a group that first hired a part-time director and later gained access to a facility.

Foley echoed Collins.

"Let's take one thing at a time," he said. "You need organization. You have no organization at all. Dalton had the ideal situation (for development of a youth center). Dalton has Crane. We don't have Crane. We have to do it on our own. I think we first need a coordinator and have the coordinator use existing facilities to their full potential."

Foley said he thought the town's district representatives would back a proposal to fund the position of youth activities coordinator.

The group agreed to meet next Thursday to try and draw up the proposal so that it can be submitted to the Selectmen.

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NEW OFFICERS of the Lee Police Department are, from left to right, Joseph F. Buffis, Philip A. Skowron, Frederick C. Holmes and William J. Tierney. They were appointed from a Civil Service list at the Lee Selectmen's meeting last night.

4 Lee policemen named full-time patrolmen

LEE — The Selectmen appointed four part-time members of the Lee police force as full-time patrolmen last night.

The new officers are Joseph F. Buffis of 191 High St., Frederick C. Holmes of Main Street, Philip A. Skowron of Pine Ridge Drive and William J. Tierney of Pease Terrace.

The appointments signaled the end of a two-year wait for the release of a new list of eligible candidates from Civil Service. The board received the Civil Service list late last week. The four men chosen for appointment were the only local residents on the list.

The officers will receive a starting salary of \$181 a week.

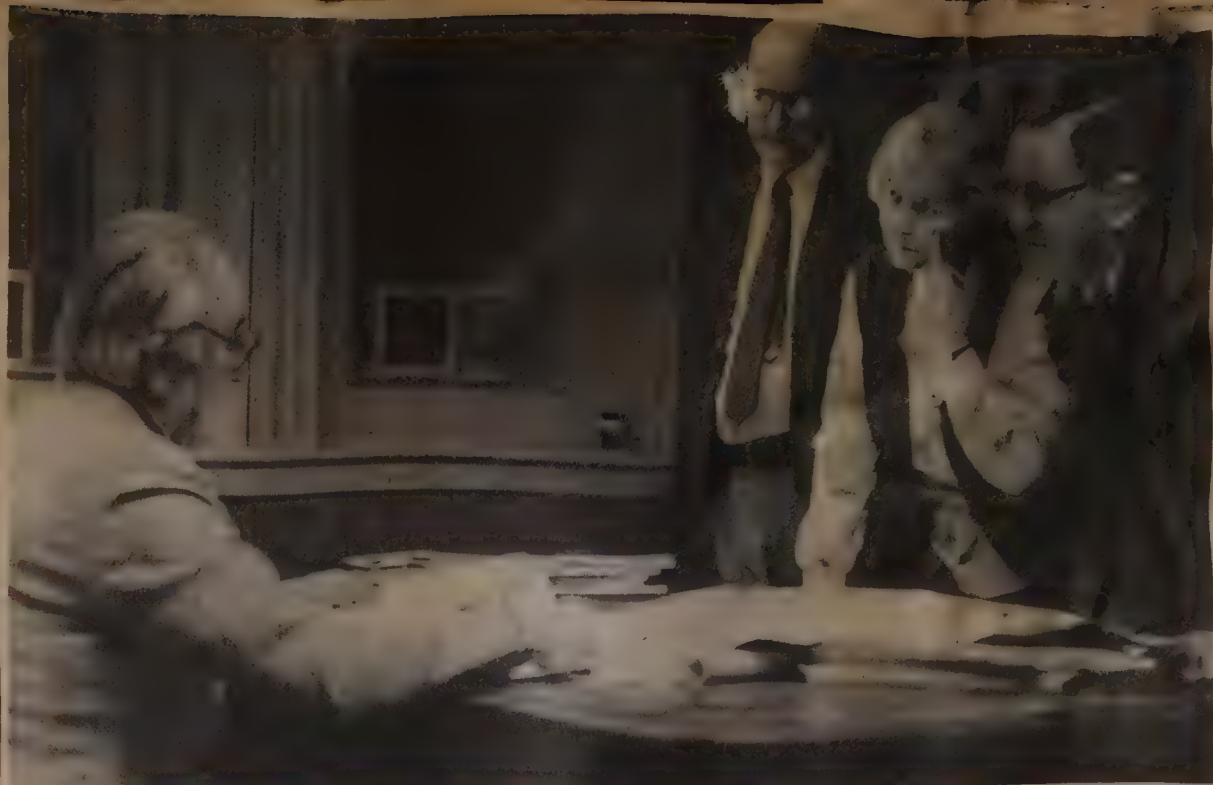
Buffis, 21, is a 1976 Lee High School graduate. He received an associate's degree from Berkshire Community College. An emergency medical technician, he is a member of the Lee Fire Department and the Lee Volunteer Ambu-

lance Squad.

Holmes, 24, is a graduate of the former Cranwell School. He attended St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt., and Berkshire Community College. A provisional police officer for more than a year, he completed a law enforcement course taught by retired state police Detective Lt. Milo F. Brown in 1977. He is married to the former Rita Bettega.

Skowron, 27, is a 1970 Lee High School graduate. He is a member of the Lee Fire Department. He and his wife, the former Donna Buffis, have two children.

Tierney, 22, a 1974 Lee High School graduate, has been a provisional police officer for the past eight months. Tierney served in the U.S. Army military police for two years. He is currently attending a course on law enforcement at Berkshire Community College. He is married to the former Elizabeth Lucchese.



John S. Egan

MARBLE HILL Apartment plans are reviewed by the Rev. Walter S. Ryan, at left, chairman of the Lee Housing Authority. Selectmen, left to right, are John E. DeVarennes, Chairman Lena D. Bettega and William

M. Murphy. Mr. Ryan went over plans for the proposed 60-unit complex of housing for the middle-income elderly last night at the Town Hall.

On Lee's Marble Street

Plans reviewed for 60 housing units

By John S. Egan

LEE — The Rev. Walter S. Ryan, chairman of the Lee Housing Authority, last night reviewed Berkshire Housing Development Authority's plans to build 60 units of housing for the middle-income elderly and for the handicapped on land adjoining Brown Memorial Court on Marble Street.

The \$2.5 million project would be known as Marble Hill Apartments — Housing for the Elderly.

Lee Housing Authority tentatively has agreed to sell Berkshire Housing Development Authority five acres next to Brown Memorial Court for \$60,000, depending on whether a federal loan for the construction costs becomes available.

The new project would be operated independently of the 48-unit Brown Memorial Court. Lee Housing Authority, however, would have some control in the area of tenant selection, Mr. Ryan said.

One of five

He said Berkshire Housing Development Authority's request for a \$2.5 million loan is one of

five loan requests being considered by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"I understand the study is down to five and Marble Hill is one of the five," Mr. Ryan said.

Under plans drawn up by Bradley Architects of Pittsfield, Marble Hill Apartments would have 54 units for the elderly and six units for handicapped persons of any age. All units would be accessible from ramps and walkways.

Fifty-four units would be one-bedroom apartments, containing at least 550 square feet of floor space, and six would be two-bedroom apartments, containing 750 square feet.

The new apartments would be open to single elderly persons, who earn no more than \$10,000 a year or couples whose income is not more than \$11,400, Mr. Ryan said. That compares to current maximum income eligibility lev-

els at Brown Memorial Court of \$6,000 for a single person and \$7,500 for a couple.

Tenants of the new development would pay 25 percent of their annual income in rent. Berkshire Housing Development

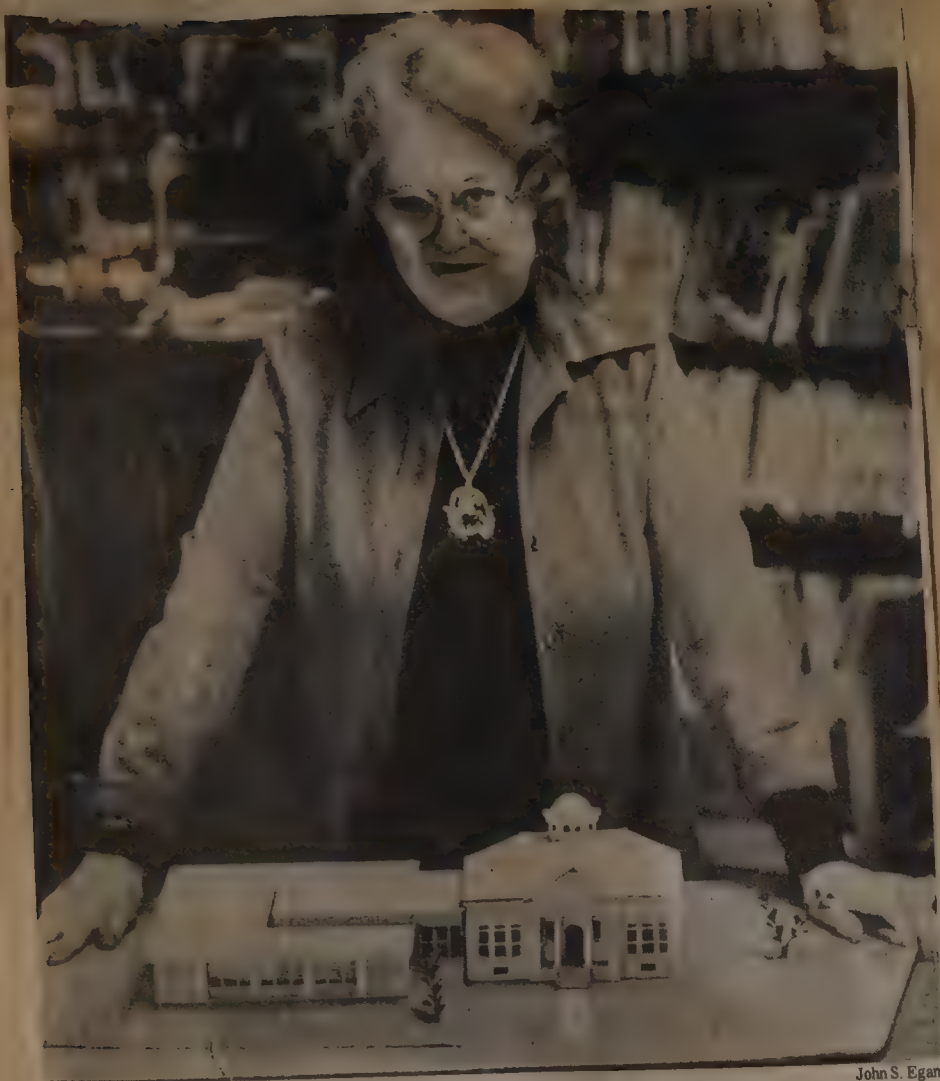
Authority actually would receive \$406 a month in rent for the one-bedroom units and \$450 a month for the two-bedroom apartments, with the difference being made up in federal funding.

Unlike Brown Memorial Court, which pays no taxes to the town, Marble Hill Apartments would generate an estimated \$30,000 in real estate taxes annually.

Although the two apartment complexes each would maintain their own autonomy, Berkshire Housing Development Authority and Lee Housing Authority are discussing the possible sharing of a management office and maintenance personnel, Mr. Ryan said. Lee Housing Authority would maintain control over the selection of tenants for Marble Hill Apartments, as well as Brown Memorial Court, he said.

"That sounds great," commented Selectman John E. DeVarennes. "The only thing we had really wanted was to make sure there was local control over it."

"The middle income has been a neglected group in a way," commented Mr. Ryan. "We're very hopeful that we'll get the loan. But you know what goes on in Boston and Washington. I think in another four or five weeks we should know."



John S. Egan

SCALE MODEL showing the present Lee Library and proposed new addition is now on display at the library. The mock-up, with the 5,000-square-foot addition to the left of library, is held by Librarian Elizabeth L. Dennis.

travel

An old country inn in Norman Rockwell's town

By David L. Horn
Special to
The Christian Science Monitor

Are you ready for a trip into yesterday? Looking for a place where turn-of-the-century gentility blends with unhurried efficiency? Then the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, is waiting for you.

One of the few inns in New England to be in continuous use since before 1800, the Red Lion offers comfortable living at reasonable prices, as low as \$23 per night off season. Every room is individually decorated with a warm blend of old and antique furniture, accented by rare prints and paintings. Upper floors may be reached by a quaint old elevator affectionately known as "the gilded cage."

On the ground floor, behind the handsome fireplaced living room, a magnificent dining room offers candlelight, cut glass, sparkling crystal chandeliers, and delicious food every night of the week. Prices are surprisingly low, especially for the nightly "special." Recently I enjoyed a complete lamb dinner including beverage and dessert for only \$6.

For many years Norman Rockwell, popular American illustrator, lived in Stockbridge, just down the road from the Red Lion. Today the Old Corner House on Main Street serves as a museum for his original paintings. Formerly the home of Rachel Field, author of "All This and Heaven Too" — the Old Corner House is open every day except Tuesday.

Just across Elm Street the Stockbridge Library, founded in 1864. Downstairs the library houses a treasury of Indian relics and colonial

antiques. Upstairs in a spacious reading room "Stockbridge Corner" with fascinating local residents and novels by

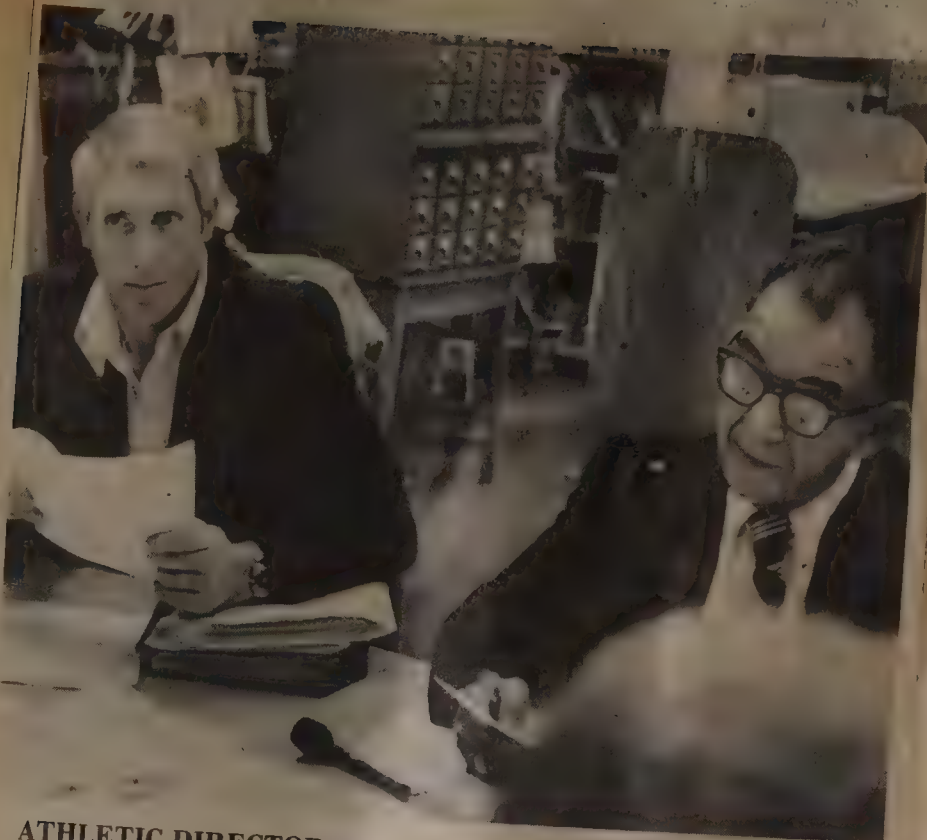
various authors and read the slim booklet called "A Stockbridge Girl" by Elizabeth Field. A little girl who grew up in the town around 1900 and knew everyone and everything. If you have more time to spend, you will find Nathalie Colby's "Remembering" very easy to read.

Stockbridge is nestled in the beautiful Berkshires, not far from Tanglewood, home of the Berkshire Music Festival. It is easy to reach by bus from Boston or New York City. From Boston the fare is only \$17 roundtrip, with a restful stopover in Lee where Betty Dennis, town librarian, will welcome you to her plush new reading room complete with new leather wing chairs and footstools. The Lee Library is just up the street from the bus stop.

A weekend at the Red Lion Inn, including meals and bus transportation, is about \$50. Your companions on the trip will be interesting and varied.

Stockbridge is very busy during the summer concert season. Reservations must be made months in advance. But during late spring and early autumn the village relaxes, prices are lower, and local folks have time to chat with you. During these months, you'll want to be outside on Main Street at sunset, when the Children's Chimes, erected in 1878 by David Dudley Field as a memorial to his grandchildren, are playing. Mr. Field specified that these lovely chimes be played every evening at sunset "from apple-blossom time until frost."

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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR Richard P. Lenfest, at left, reviews the first year of intramurals in the Lee Public Schools. At right is Lee School Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger. Lenfest reviewed the program at School Committee meeting last night.

John S. Egan

Lee High intramural program seen as 'success' 1st year

LEE — Lee High School athletic director Richard P. Lenfest labeled the school system's first year of intramural athletics "a success" in a review of the program at the Lee School Committee meeting last night.

The program was instituted during the 1978-1979 school year. "The intramurals at the high school were basically done by the students themselves, which I think was a real plus," Lenfest said. "The biggest plus is that the facilities are open from 2:15 to 3:30 each afternoon under supervised conditions. The weight

room is open and the gym is open. Kids can come in and work out and catch the late bus home."

The most popular activity in the first year was co-ed volleyball, which had a turnout of 80 persons.

Soccer, held from Sept. 25 to Oct. 23, had a turnout of 20 boys and 18 girls at the peak. There were 10 boys and 10 girls participating at the end of the season, he said.

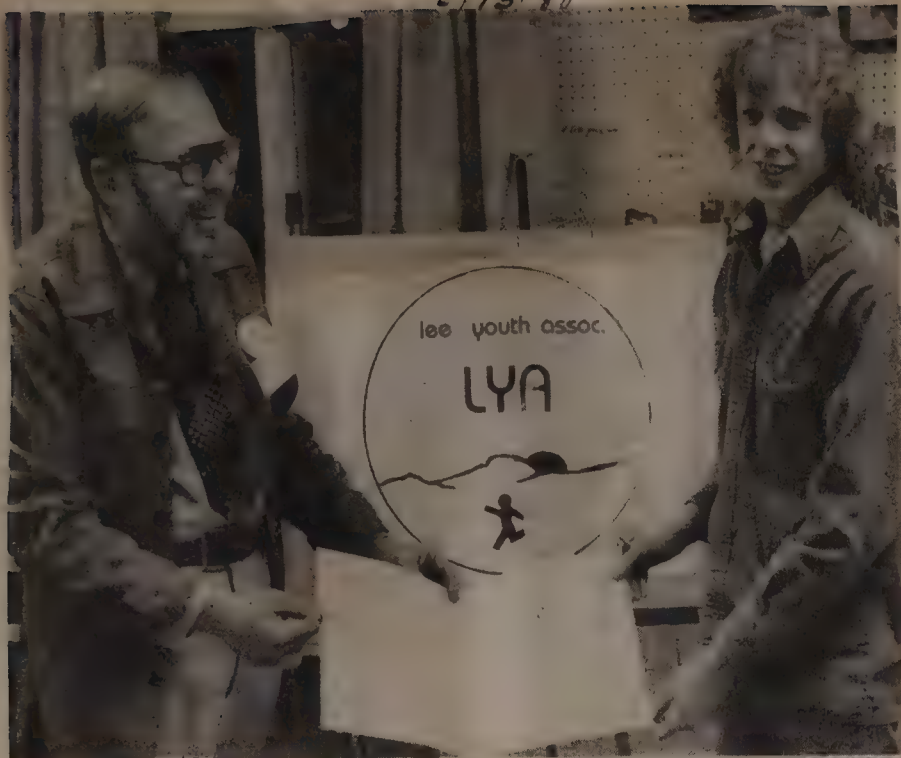
Twenty-four boys and 24 girls turned out for field hockey. Basketball

ers and 39 female players. Lenfest added that an average of 20-25 students attended "open gym" each afternoon.

Students participating in varsity sports, such as basketball, helped the intramural leagues by officiating. The sole cost of the program was the supervisor's salary, he said.

Possible new future activities depend on student interest, Lenfest said. Possible activities include bowling, downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, skating, racquetball, golf, tennis and cycling.





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LEE YOUTH Association president, Roy Martin, at left, presents certificate to Christopher Whalen for design of the new organization logo. The logo is displayed at rear.

Lee Youth Assn. seeks members

LEE — The Lee Youth Association kicked off a membership drive with a meeting attended by more than 60 persons at the Airolodi Building last night.

Roy Martin, association president, presented an award to Christopher Whalen, a Lee high school senior for his design of the new Lee Youth Association logo.

Whalen's design, which shows a sun rising on a walking figure, was chosen from more than 20 entries. The youth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whalen of St. James Ave.

The association, which is trying to generate more activities for the youth of the town,

has printed 2,500 buttons with Whalen's design.

The organization will sell the buttons for contributions of 50 cents or more. Proceeds will be used to build a treasury for proposed association activities.

"By buying the buttons you'll all be showing support for the Lee Youth Association," said Patricia Carlino, association member. "I hope you'll all pledge your support."

In order to come up with a well-researched series of programs, the association is polling all elementary and high school students in town on what activities are needed. The association is also putting together a job de-

scription for an activities director from data obtained from the Pittsfield YMCA, Dalton Youth Center, and the Lenox Community Center.

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LAUREL STREET in Lee would be reconstructed under plans being considered by the state. Project would continue north on Route 20 to intersection with

Route 7 in Lenox. State has already indicated intent to replace iron bridge across Housatonic River, from where photo was taken.

State reaffirms intent to alter Rte. 20 north from Lee bridge

LEE — The state Department of Public Works has reaffirmed its plans to rebuild Laurel Street along with the rest of Route 20 north from here within the next five years.

The state DPW plans to upgrade about 2.6 miles of Route 20 from the Center Street bridge over the Housatonic River north to the intersection with Route 7 and the Lenox Bypass near Cranwell School.

According to a letter from district highway engineer Ellsworth Sammet to the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission, the project will involve "reconstruction of this federal-aid primary highway to federal primary highway standards." This will include the construction of safety shoulders on the roadway and the addition of truck climbing lanes, he said.

Sammet invited comments of the BCRPC and asked "whether you feel a regional input meeting is required or whether a local input meeting would suffice."

Design of the widened roadway is slated for 1981 and construction for 1985.

The DPW is studying the possibility of adding truck climbing lanes at the section of Route 20 near the Lee-Lenox town line, as well as the steep Laurel Hill section of the road.

Acquisition of additional right-of-way from private property-owners will be necessary, according to Bernard Hayes, assistant projects engineer for the regional DPW office. Hayes said the project is just entering the planning stages and it is too early to tell where sections of right-

of-way will have to be acquired.

Hayes also said that the state had not made a definite decision on whether to add the climbing lane on Laurel Street, although it would like to do so. He said there would be public meetings on the project.

"We're just starting, doing a study," Hayes said. "So at this point we really don't know whether a truck climbing lane will be added there. But it's a distinct possibility."

A plan offered a few years ago for widening Laurel Street called for the road to be raised several feet where it now passes between steep banks, and for replacement of the iron bridge in such a way that the sharp curve at the foot of Laurel Street would be made more gradual.



Steve Moore

ON THE BLOCK will go these items in the benefit auction for the Stockbridge Library Saturday at St. Paul's Church. Pauline Pierce of the library holds a Japanese print by Saito and auctioneer David H. Wood holds a piece of pressed glass. On the walnut drop-leaf sewing table is a West Troy, N.Y., pitcher, another piece of pressed glass and an Oriental rug. In front of the table is an oil painting and a brass fireplace fender.

Rockwell item on block for library

STOCKBRIDGE — Among the items to be featured in the Stockbridge Library's benefit auction Saturday will be a signed, limited edition lithograph by Norman Rockwell, according to Pauline Pierce who is coordinating the sale.

The print will be donated by the Corner House.

The auction will begin at 10 a.m. under a tent behind St. Paul's Church rain or shine. Da-

vid H. Wood, curator of the Corner House, will be the auctioneer.

Also included will be a series of posters by Walter Scott of Stockbridge of Seiji Ozawa. The posters will be autographed by Ozawa.

There will also be a pair of paintings by Franklin R. Jones of Stockbridge. The watercolors are of the Glendale power station and the Mission House.

Ms. Pierce said persons wishing to donate items for the sale should do so early this week to facilitate cataloging them for the sale.

She said the items donated so far range from silver and Imari ware to furniture.

The sale is one of the major fund-raising events for the library.

Area hockmobile

Several Lee stores try Thursday night hours

By Nathan L. Wilbur

LEE — The advent of Thursday evening shopping hours last night didn't bring out the crowds, but the businessmen along Main Street still expect the experiment to become a commercial success.

W. Mark Wheeler, proprietor of Lee Pharmacy, reflected upon the light turnout of shoppers. "If I knew it was going to be like this all summer, I wouldn't be open next Thursday," he said, "but I think it has possibilities to get better."

The Lee businesses' shift from Friday to Thursday evening operating hours was proposed by Jack B. Pevzner, owner of Jack's Department Store, at the last meeting of the Lee Chamber of Commerce a month ago.

"The original reason for

staying open late on Friday," Pevzner said, "was so that we would not be competing with Pittsfield." Pittsfield businesses remain open Thursday evenings. He added, however, that "that reason's pretty dead now."

Bingo blamed

Pevzner said bingo game held Friday evenings at Mary's School were the primary reason for the businesses' switch to Thursday nights. "The gamblers draw a good percentage of shoppers away from Main Street, and there's no sense in competing with that," he said.

Pevzner said two banks, Lee National Bank and the Savings Bank, will soon adjust their operating hours to support the Main Street Thursday night venture.

"When the banks go

with us it'll be a lot better," he said. "Most of the payrolls get paid on Thursday, and people will be able to cash their checks at the banks when they're open."

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Lee group to sing at Tanglewood

Students to back Barry Manilow in two songs

LEE — Twenty-nine students from Lee High School have been chosen to accompany popular singer Barry Manilow in concerts July 28 and 29 at Tanglewood.

The school chorus will accompany Manilow in two songs, "One Voice" and "I Write The Songs."

The singers were selected to perform with Manilow on the basis of the school's active support of UNICEF projects under the direction of the Lee Key Club, a student community service organization.

The Key Club has provided a variety of activities to benefit the United Nations' emergency fund for needy children. These activities included the sponsoring of a haunted house for Lee children in 1978 and the cutting and selling of firewood last year.

Manilow requested that choirs from local schools associated with UNICEF be included in concerts in 36 cities during his current four-month tour, and announced that he would make a personal donation to the fund before the tour's end. In doing so he followed the example of many popular recording groups, including the Bee Gees, which have donated royalties from hit songs for UNICEF's benefit.

Students named

The students are: sopranos, Robin Bailey, Debbie Benzie, Kim Bivona, Lauren Ennis, Elizabeth Geoffroy, Barbara Passetto, Kathy Pannozzo, Dawn Reizel, Brenda Thomas, Bernadette Williams; tenors, Bruce Birch, Matt Carty, Dan Geoffroy, Rob Sorrentino, Jason Winn.

Altos, Denise Audet, Doreen Cook, Jean Drake, Susan Dinn, Chris Furcinite, Kathy Gomes, Patty Tourville, Susan Warden, Debbie Zannelli; baritones, Bob Carty, Bob Ferrelli, Steve Hayden, Scott Lindsay, Don Zukowski.



Barry Manilow
Aid to UNICEF



Nathan L. Wilbur

DISCUSSING the proposed purchase of the Methodist Church and parsonage on High Street in Lee are, from left, Selectman Maria D. Bettega and School

Committee members Mary Ellen McDonald, Chairman James H. Dolan and William F. Tyer.

Lee school board seeks action on acquisition of church site

By Nathan Wilbur

LEE — Three members of the Lee School Committee appeared before the Selectmen last night to discuss what steps must be taken by the town to purchase the Methodist Church and parsonage on High Street.

Committee Chairman James H. Dolan and committee members William F. Tyer and Mary Ellen McDonald reminded the Selectmen that the committee had unanimously recommended the purchase of the property following its July 17, 1979, meeting with church officials and Selectman Maria D. Bettega. The purchase price for the one-acre lot containing the church and and parsonage, Tyer said, was \$65,000.

Dolan said the School Committee, following the meeting, had assumed that it was up to the town to call a special town meeting to vote funds for the purchase. Mrs. Bettega said the Selectmen, for their part, had assumed that the article proposing the purchase of the property would be drawn up by the school committee.

Selectman William M. Murphy said the Selectmen felt that the School Committee should be involved.

"We waited to hear from the committee and the church, but the church never got back to us," Murphy said.

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In response to a question from Tyer, both Murphy and Mrs. Bettega said they favored the purchase of the property by the town. Murphy said he expected that a special town meeting would be called in June or July to consider articles to be proposed by the Lee Youth Association, and suggested that an article calling for the purchase of the church property be included on the warrant.

Dolan said the school committee would meet with Town Counsel Jerome Scully to determine if the committee or the Selectmen should initiate the drafting of the article for the town meeting.

Tyer added, "It's been a year since the church committee came to us. The church people should know that we're not dragging our feet on this any longer."

Tyer, at the June 9 Selectmen's meeting, told the board that the school committee "has been interested for years" in acquiring land adjoining Lee Central School for the construction of a playground for its students.

Last night Dolan said the church property could be "effectively used now" for that purpose. He added that the parsonage could be sold and the building be moved by the purchaser, thus clearing an area for a playground.

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In other action, the Selectmen announced the resignation of William F. Powers from the town's Conservation Commission.

In a letter to the Selectmen, Powers said "ill health" had prompted his decision to resign. Powers had served as the commission's chairman for the past 10 years.

Mrs. Bettega said the board accepted Powers's resignation, which will become effective July 1, "with regret." Mrs. Bettega commended Powers for his dedication and efforts on behalf of the town.



RETIRING Chairman William F. Powers, third from left, posed last night with other members of Lee's Conservation Commission. They are, from left, Ronald R. Smith, Kenneth W. Milligan, Powers, Anne B.

Errington, Stuart A. Dalheim, Susan L. Lawrence and William R. Ingram. Powers's resignation, prompted by ill health after 10 years' service as commission chairman, will become effective July 1.

Nathan L. Wilbur

Jacob's Pillow making plans for winter productions in area

By Milton R. Bass

In an attempt to "bring dance to the broadest possible audience and develop a new audience" for its summer season, the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival in Becket is planning some winter productions, according to an announcement by artistic director Liz Thompson.

The first outside production will be a dance concert at Springfield's recently renovated Symphony Hall on Oct. 4 with a company yet to be decided upon. Jacob's Pillow's participation in this will be solely as producer, said Ms. Thompson, who is just completing her first year as artistic director. She said there are no plans right now for a Jacob's Pillow touring company.

The Pillow also is exploring the possibility of some concert in the Berkshire Inn ballroom in Pittsfield this fall, according to Ms. Thompson and John A. general manager of the Hilton. Bristol said the hotel does an exceptional business in late September and October, especially from bus tours who are viewing the fall foliage, and he was looking for something that

might entertain the guests in the evening. He approached both Jacob's Pillow and the Berkshire Theater Festival in Stockbridge about the possibility of staging productions that would entertain tourists and local people. The BTF has logistic problems in putting on a play, he said, so a dance group might be much more feasible.

"If we do not manage to bring it off this year," said Bristol, "then hopefully next year. The hotel is ready to underwrite some of the programs to get them going."

Ms. Thompson said "Springfield has shown a lively interest, and we are looking forward to our concert there as a pilot project."

The Oct. 4 concert is the only one planned there so far this season, she said.

When Ms. Thompson took over as director last year, she said she hoped to expand the Pillow's overall program into the community with both its outreach schedule and possibly some concerts in the winter season. She lives on Long Island but has made the Pillow her second home on a year-round basis and will be spending time in Becket this winter with

business manager Linda Cliggett and administrative assistant G. Francis Costelloe.

"Becket is our home base year-round," said Ms. Thompson, "and we have no intention of changing that in any way."

Jacob's Pillow, the oldest dance festival in the United States, dates back to 1931 when Ted Shawn, already a major dance figure, purchased the property. He bought the Pillow as a vacation retreat and a place where he could train and rehearse his new all-male dance company, with which he toured the country.

The Jacob's Pillow Dance School was established in 1941 by Mary Washington Ball who leased the Pillow from Shawn for that year.

After World War II and its gas-rationing problems, the Pillow, under Shawn, went through a period of growth with new buildings, the enlargement of the theater and acclaim throughout the world.

Shawn continued as director until his death in 1972. It was run subsequently by John Christian, Walter Terry, Charles Reinhart and Norman Walker until Ms. Thompson took over last year.

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Lee Salebration draws tourists, townspeople

By Nathan Wilbur

LEE — Richard Hommes, member of the Chamber of Commerce and chief organizer of the Lee Salebration Days, said this weekend's festival of sales, games, dinners and musical entertainment was "a huge success."

The turnout of townspeople and visitors for the weekend's events, Hommes said, "was above all our expectations. There were so many people on the street Friday and Saturday that it (the town) looked like a summer resort."

Hommes credited the Salebration's success to participation in the weekend's activities by town employers and the Lee Library. The Kimberly-Clark and Mead corporations, he said, mounted an exhibit in the library describing the process of papermaking, and the library conducted two sales of books.

The elimination of parking on Main Street Friday and Saturday alleviated traffic problems that had plagued last year's festival, Hommes said. "The police did a fine job of directing the traffic and pedestrians," he said. "We didn't have a single accident."

Brisk trade

In addition, Hommes said, more businesses on Main Street became involved in the Salebration. As a result, he said, the merchants enjoyed a brisk trade. "Every one of them said it was a success," he said.

Hommes added that the Chamber's hope of attracting more out-of-town visitors to town this year was realized. "On Friday and Saturday," he said, "we had more tourists walking with the streets than natives."

The Chamber of Commerce's tent in the parking lot in front of the First Congregational

and Sunset Farms of Tyringham, which featured a display and sale of maple sugar syrup and candies.

The Salebration must have seemed endless to members of the Larry Gilbert Banjo Band. The band played on and off from 10 to 5 p.m. on Friday. Then, Hommes said, it performed Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Morgan House alley, followed by a 6:30 to 11 p.m. stint at the Tri-Town Rotary tent and a final 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. session at the Morgan House.

The Rotary's Gay Nineties Funfest Saturday night drew one of the weekend's largest crowds, which Hommes estimated at "about 600." But the credit for the Salebration's success, he said, could not be traced to any one event.

"The whole town came out," Hommes said. "It was a fantastic response."

Art show, sale features work of 25 artists

LENOX — Paintings, sculpture, drawings and photographs by 25 artists are on display at the first art exhibit and sale at the Community Center. The show is sponsored by the Lenox Arts Council.

Exhibiting artists are: Alice Bergan, John D. Blake, Maura Boenitz, Tot Burke, Carol Fray, Diana L. Gala, Mary Gala, Kathleen Guy, Mildred Hado, Marie Hecht, Miriam Hirsch, Annette Lachman, Art Marasco, Rachel Messer, Elna Nugent, Scott Pensivy, Josephine Pignatelli, Sandy Ray, Edward Rubinow, Jack Sadoway, Paul Silberman, Arthur Sternby, Robert K. Stevens and Florence

Lee church to mark bicentennial

LEE — The First Congregational Church's bicentennial from 1792 to 1833, will address the congregation at the church's S. Ryan, pastor of the church, have announced a schedule of special events to mark the church's 200th anniversary.

Three commemorative church services are planned for Aug. 24, Aug. 31 and Sept. 7. The church's celebrations will begin with a brief service Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. in the church park, to be followed by the regular Sunday service at 10:30. Mr. Ryan said he will address the subject of the church's bicentennial in a sermon during the regular service.

Several guest clergy will participate in the church's Aug. 31 service, Mr. Ryan said, including the Rev. James Goode Brown of New Hampshire, the Rev. Robert E. Christenson, associate pastor of Old South Church in Boston and son of Mrs. H. Lloyd Christenson of Debra Avenue, and the Rev. John G. Gaskill of Sheffield, pastor emeritus of the United Church of New Marlborough.

On Sept. 7, Mr. Ryan said, the Rev. Alfred E. Williams Jr., Massachusetts Conference minister for the United Church of Christ, and the Rev. John Hyde of Williams College, great-grandson of the Rev. Alvan Hyde who served as pastor of

chorus, the Berkshire Hillsmen from Pittsfield, will perform, in addition to a mime and a magician. A face make-up booth and games for children will be provided, souvenir plates and buttons bearing the image of the church will be sold, and hot dogs and other refreshments will be served.

In addition, guided tours of the church will be conducted from 1 to 4 p.m.

The church will also present a concert by a madrigal chorus Aug. 31 at 2:30 p.m. at the church. The concert will be open to the public at no charge.

Other events will include a film festival Aug. 25 through Aug. 29 at 8 p.m. in the church's main building. The movies, in order of presentation, will be "Five Little Pennies," "Song Without End," "The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams," and "The Music Man." Admission for each film will be 25 cents per person.

The church will sponsor a public celebration Aug. 30 from 2 to 6 p.m. in the park. A barbershop

lent location for many businesses and organizations. They included the Western Mass. Electric Co., Town & Country Travel Agency, the Lee Youth Association, the Lee Key Club

The show, which runs through Saturday, Aug. 23, will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

